

MEMORIAL HALL
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INDIANA ROOM

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Memorial Hall, at 219 Ohio Street, is located immediately south of the Vigo County Courthouse building. The original purpose of the building was to house one of the thirteen branches of the State Bank of Indiana. The branch operated until its 25-year charter expired.

Because the charter of the Second Bank of the United States would expire in 1836 and because there was fear that the extension of the charter would not be granted, the Indiana Legislature in its session of 1832 and 1833 was largely occupied with efforts to agree on a banking system. In the political campaign of 1833 the issues were largely internal improvements and a state bank. When the new Legislature met in December of 1833, it immediately took up the question and approved on January 28, 1834, the act incorporating the State Bank for Indiana.

The State Bank was not a bank with branches but instead was a bank of branches. It was no more than a Board of Directors who met in Indianapolis. This board made periodic examinations of the branches and made reports to the General Assembly.

The Terre Haute Branch Bank was organized October 25, 1834. Its directors were Demas Deming, who was its president from 1836 until 1845, Chauncey Rose, Curtis Gilbert, James Sutherland, Jacob D. Early, James B. McCall, David Linton and Samuel Crawford.

There is some discrepancy as to when Memorial Hall was erected. According to the stone and markers in front of the building, it was built in 1832. Old newspaper articles state 1834 as the date of erection and the summer of 1836 as the date of ^{occupancy} ~~occupation~~ by the bank. However, land records show that the tract of land on which Memorial Hall stands was sold to the State Bank of Indiana by Lucius H. Scott on November 11,

1835. Also, the approval for an Indiana State Bank did not come until 1834. The contractor, Edwin J. Peck, did not start the construction until he had finished the State House in Indianapolis, which was completed in 1836.

Edwin J. Peck was born October 16, 1806 in New Haven, Conn. In May, 1833 he went to Indianapolis. He became superintendent of masonry and brickwork at the State House. After this he began to build what is now Memorial Hall. He also built the branch banks at Madison, Lafayette, and South Bend. Madison, Terre Haute, and Lafayette were approved in 1834 and the South Bend branch was added later in 1836. Peck was foremost in setting up the Indianapolis and Terre Haute Railroad Company. He was its treasurer, later he was president and also a large stockholder. Once he was also president of the Vandalia Railroad and the Union Railroad and Depot Company.

At any rate, the Bank of the State of Indiana was organized in 1852. According to land records, the State Bank of Indiana sold the property to the new Bank of the State of Indiana on January 17, 1859 for \$8000. Along with the land went all the furniture, fixtures, and safes in the banking house. The State Bank of Indiana reserved the right to "Use the branch banking house, vault, furniture, and all other necessary and convenient for the use of said branch bank in winding up its affairs." The vault was exclusively the Bank of the State of Indiana; however, the safe in the vault was the State Bank's until its affairs were finished. Ebenezer Dumont was president of the State Bank of Indiana at the time of this sale.

Notice that the land value increased. On November 13, 1826 Thomas H. Blake, who was the first president judge of the court and who came to Terre Haute in 1818, sold the entire Lot # 120 to Lucius Scott, the

first county agent and who also came to Terre Haute in 1818, for a sum of \$200. Scott sold only about $\frac{1}{2}$ of this amount to the State Bank for \$1000 in 1835. By January 17, 1859 almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the same lot were sold for \$8000.

In 1865 the stockholders of the Bank of the State of Indiana formed the first National State Bank ever formed in the city. It made its headquarters in the old building, until it out grew its location and moved to a new building at 5th and Wabash Avenue. At this time W. R. McKeen, who was then cashier, lived in the quarters in the rear of the bank. Previously, the second floor had been used as residences for several of the cashiers.

The end of the banking business for Memorial Hall finally ended when on May 16, 1868, the Bank of the State of Indiana sold the property to Barbetta E. Weinhardt for \$4500. She, in turn, sold the property to Emilie Weinhardt Kussner on January 29, 1874 and released the property on April 24, 1884. It is doubtful that Barbetta Weinhardt lived in the building being that it was so large and also because she was single. There is no written record of this.

The Kussners owned a music business and turned the bank into the "Palace of Music". The family lived in the upper storey. Amalia Kussner, the famous miniature portraitist, was the daughter of Lorenz and Emilie Kussner. Later, Kussner leased it to Zebulon Heaberlin who turned the building into a secondhand shop whereby it received its name "The Old Curiosity Shop". Evidently, Heaberlin did not live in the structure. The City Directory lists his address as 11 N. Center St. in the year 1889. A photograph from November of 1897 shows the building

still being used for this purpose. It also shows the building in a state of great disrepair.

On May 1, 1893 the Kussners sold it to Caroline S. Weinhardt, who sold it to Amalia Kussner on October 15, 1896.

After the Civil War the building was used as a meeting place for the Grand Army of the Republic, hence the present inscription "G. A. R." on the pediment of the building. A museum was started with artifacts and pictures of the Civil War.

After the turn of the century the Veterans of the Spanish-American War were given the task of continuing the work of the Civil War Veterans in regard to the Memorial. Weinhardt and Amalia Kussner, then of New York, did not occupy the building.

Captain A. C. Ford began a campaign to make the building a community hall for patriotic societies. In 1910 a committee was formed to purchase the building for the G. A. R. veterans. The Memorial Hall Association was then formed, with George W. Krietenstein being largely responsible for its organization. On August 15, 1910, Amalia Kussner Goudert sold the hall to the Memorial Hall Association for \$4000.

After it was bought, the building was rehabilitated under the supervision of Rodney Leonard, architect. A coat of stucco covered its exterior, a new roof, new doors, new windows, floors and woodwork, plumbing and steam heat were installed. Two rooms on the first floor were converted into a museum. The large dome in the roof was converted into an art gallery. Portraits of the officers of the old Bank, done in art glass, were placed there. The two rooms at the rear were arranged for use by patriotic societies. Four rooms on the second floor were intended for the use of lodges as meeting places. A large flagstaff was placed on

the lawn.

In 1921 Jerry Fitzgearld and Thomas J. Cottom provided money for general repairs and the addition of a room at the rear of the building. A plaque above the entranceway is dated May 23, 1921.

The next repairs came in 1959 when Don Coverstone, chairman of the project, made some exterior improvements. In 1969 a campaign was launched to finance further repairs.

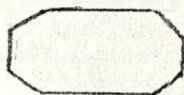
According to Juliet Peddle, architect, the G. A. R. Memorial is the only example of the Greek Revival era in Vigo County. It is quite fortunate that the Hall fell into the hands of a society which was interested enough and able to preserve one of Terre Haute's earliest buildings. Terre Haute itself was incorporated as a town on January 26, 1832.

After examⁱⁿing the building I can safely assume that originally it contained nine rooms, whereas today it has only six plus the rear addition of 1921. Fig. 1 shows it as it is today and Fig. 3 shows it when it was first built. The floor boards indicate a wall of 1' 2" divided the front room on the first floor into two rooms at an earlier date. A side entrance on the east of this room can still be seen from the interior. However, it has been plastered over exteriorly. In the upstairs four rooms originally stood where two rooms now stand. During its use as a bank, the building housed several of the cashiers in the upstairs. The attic door was added in 1921 after the addition of the rear room. The base of this door is 2' 5" off of the floor. A photograph of 1921 shows the Kiwanis Club sponsoring a drive to rehabilitate the building. A banner in the picture tells that the building was condemned by the State Fire Marshall.

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The Hall displays a Greek Doric temple front. The shafts of the 4 columns are fluted and have neither plinth nor base. The echinus and abacus

are also doric as are the triglyphs and metopes. A photo from November 1897 shows that between the triglyphs and on the metopes were placed panels shaped like this:



These are no longer present and neither are the guttae over the metopes. The architrave is undecorated and the pediment is plain except for the "G. A.R." Four pilasters front the wall of the building. Early photos (1897) show a double door. Today, from an interior view, it still retains double doors. But, in 1910, 1/2 of the outside was boarded up and plastered and a single door was placed to correspond with the right side of the old double door. Windows in the front contained 9 panes and protruded about 18" from the interior wall as they do today.

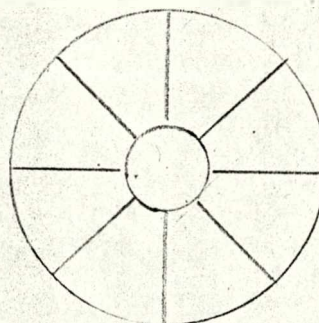
It is said that the steps of the building were constructed so as to keep bank robbers from riding up to the doors of the bank. The photo of 1897 shows that the steps between the center columns were torn out and a slanted pavement was inserted. In 1910 these steps were repaired and restored. The steps are brick with stone slabs covering them. The building also is brick with stucco covering it. Two canons stood on the spaces jutting out in the front of the building by the two end columns. They have since been removed.

The "GAR" on the pediment of the Hall and the Memorial Hall plaque over the front entrance were added in 1910.

The windows are not arranged with any symmetry, as can be seen in the included color photos. The windows are plain and rectangular, with a slightly protruding window sill. The east entrance by the stairway displays the 4-part rectangular doorway corresponding to the Greek Revival style, with transom and side lights. The doorway is the only decoration

besides the temple front.

The interior of the front room is decorated with four doric columns and two pilasters. A huge semi-circular opening discloses a dome containing a flat glass top shaped like this:



Around the curve of the dome are placed the portraits of the banks early officers: Demas Deming, Curtis Gilbert, Levi G. Warren, Preston Hussey, James Harrington, A. B. Fontaine, Nathaniel Preston, Joseph E. Jenckes, William R. McKeen, and Charles M. Warren. Exteriorly the dome is conical and shallow. But, from the interior, the dome starts from the first floor and continues up through the second storey and up through the roof.

Interior decoration is confined to the door surrounds and the five fireplaces. All resemble two fluted pilasters supporting a fluted lintel. The doorways are mostly 3' wide except for two, which are 5' 2" and 2' 5"--these are marked on Fig. 1.

The stairway has an open string course, simple square ballisters and a round newel post and banister. It contains 17 steps.

The cellar consists of a small room and a coal bin. This is all brick as are the steps leading to the cellar.

It is remarkable how well this memorial from the Greek Revival era has survived with as little changes as have been made. Not only does it add to the architectural history of Terre Haute, but it also tells a history of its own which was important is the development of the society of which it has survived. I hope that the Memorial Hall Association will continue its interest

in this historical landmark and keep it from further deterioration.

LOTS AND TRANSACTIONS-----

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1ST STREET

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2ND STREET

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POPLAR ST.

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MULBERRY ST.

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3RD STREET

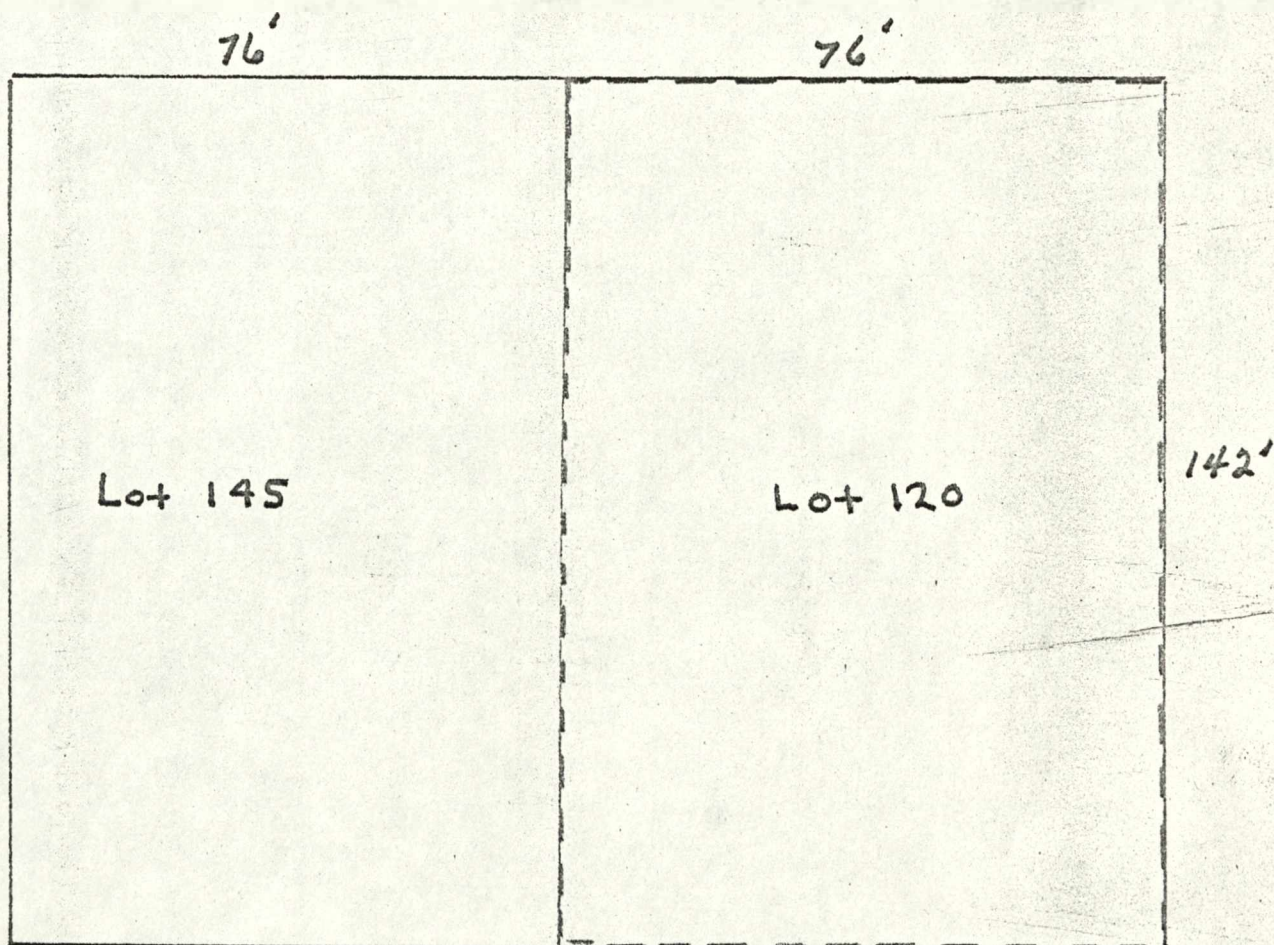
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4TH STREET

5TH STREET

SWAN ST.

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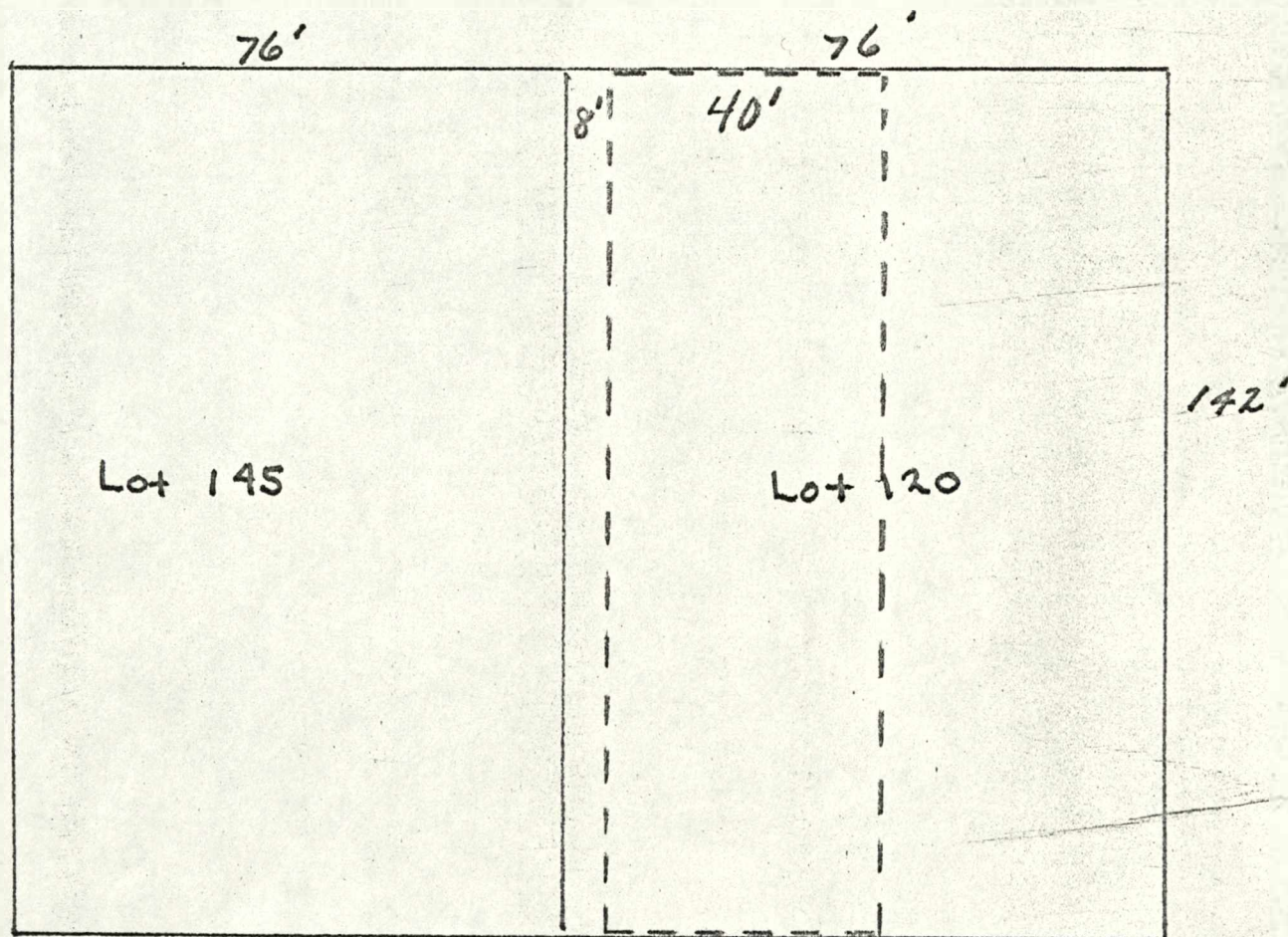
Date of sale: November 13, 1826

Owner: Thomas H. Blake

Buyer: Lucius H. Scott

Tract of land: Lot # 120

Sale price: \$200



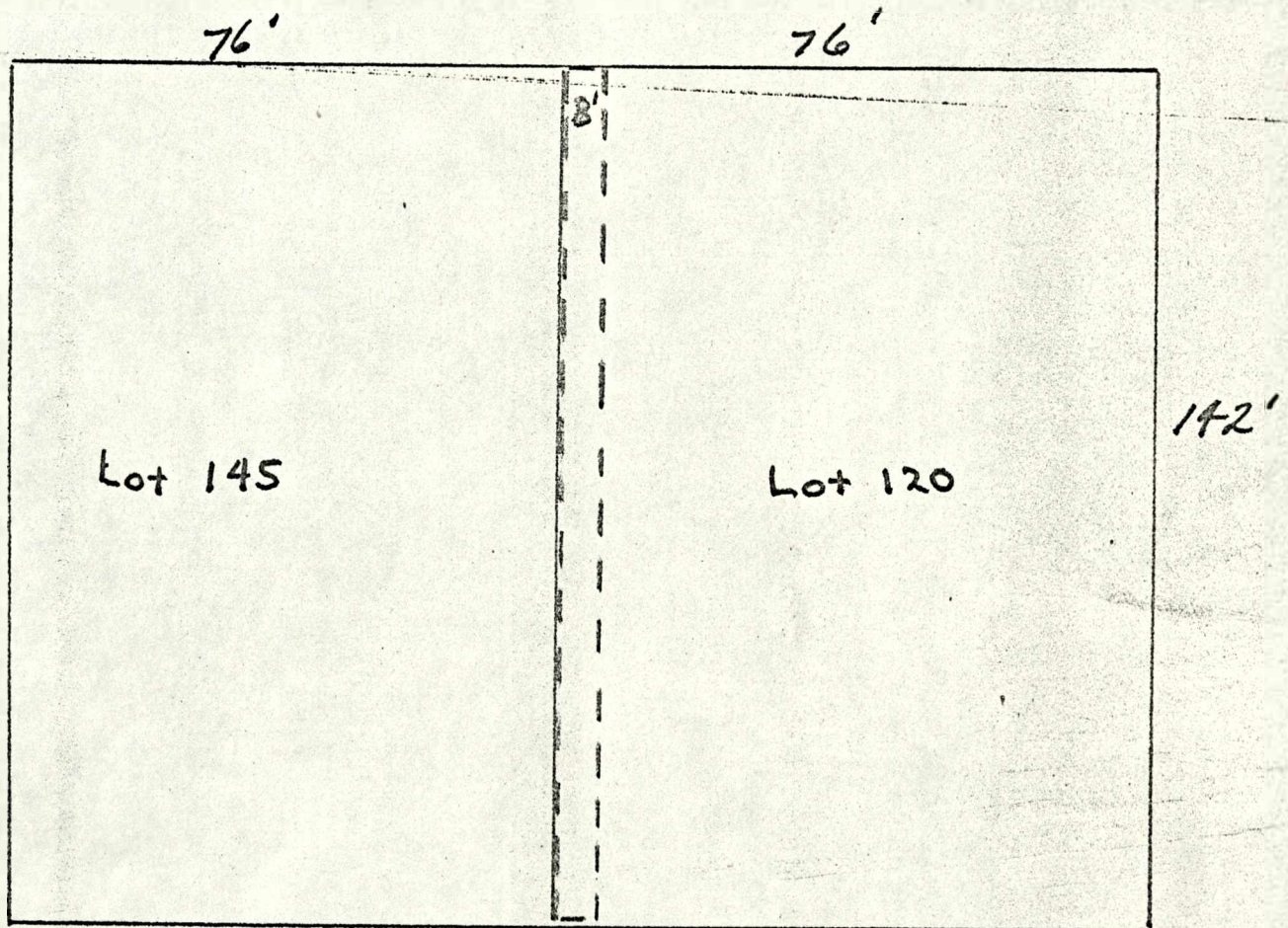
Date of sale: November 11, 1835

Owner: Lucius H. Scott

Buyer: State Bank of Indiana

Tract of land: Commencing 8' east of the northwest corner of Lot 120 and thence east 40' on the front line of Lot 120, to the alley back of Lot 120, then west 40' on the south line of the lot and north to the place of beginning on Ohio St.

Sale price: \$1000.



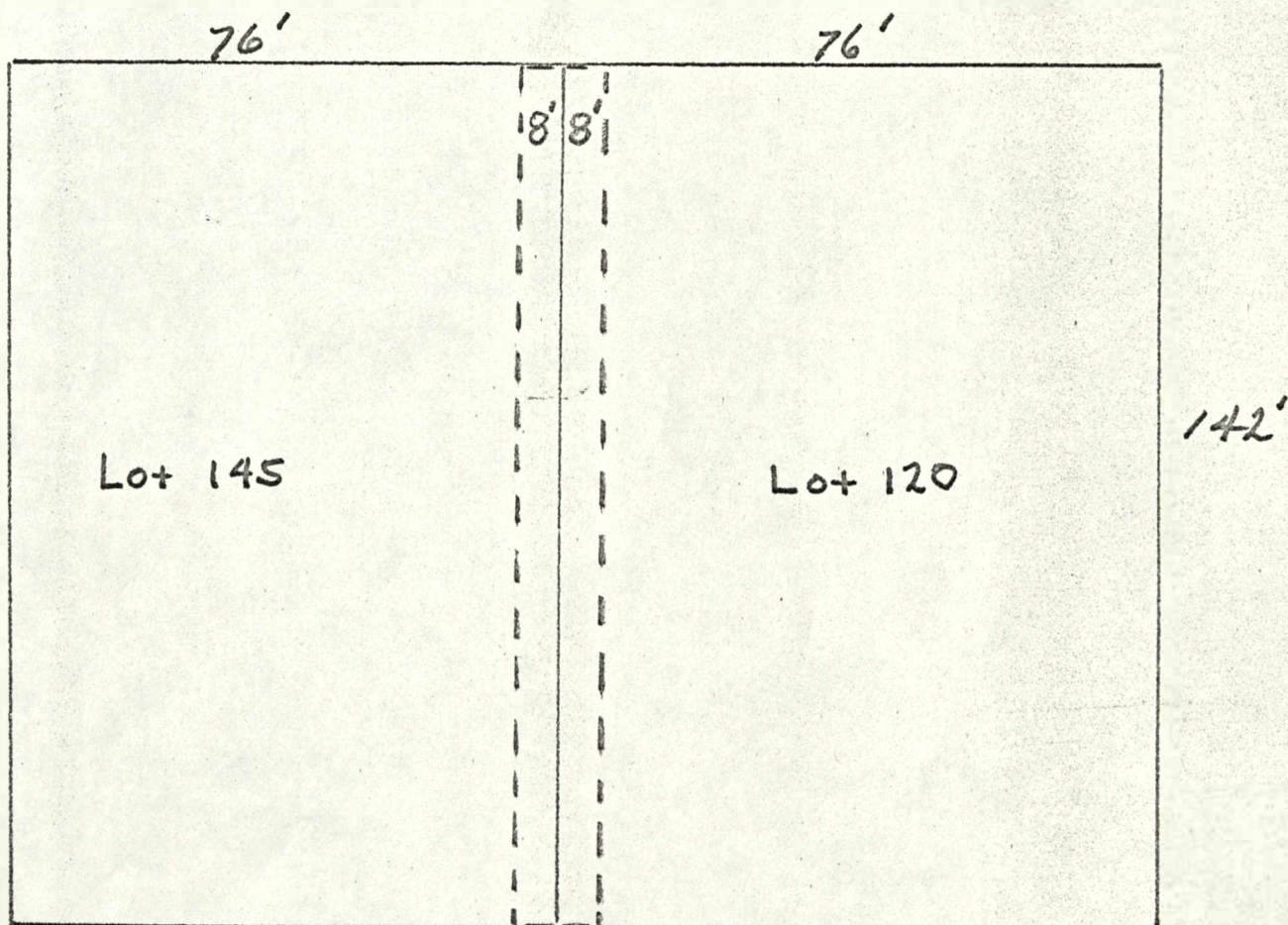
Date of sale: November 25, 1835

Owner: Lucius H. Scott

Buyer: James Wasson

Tract of land: The undivided half of 8' off the west side of Lot 120 being bounded on the west by the east line of Lot 145 and on the east by the west line of a lot of 40' in front, being part of Lot 120 owned by the Terre Haute branch of the State Bank of Indiana, and on the south by an alley running east and west and on the north by Ohio St.

Sale price: \$100



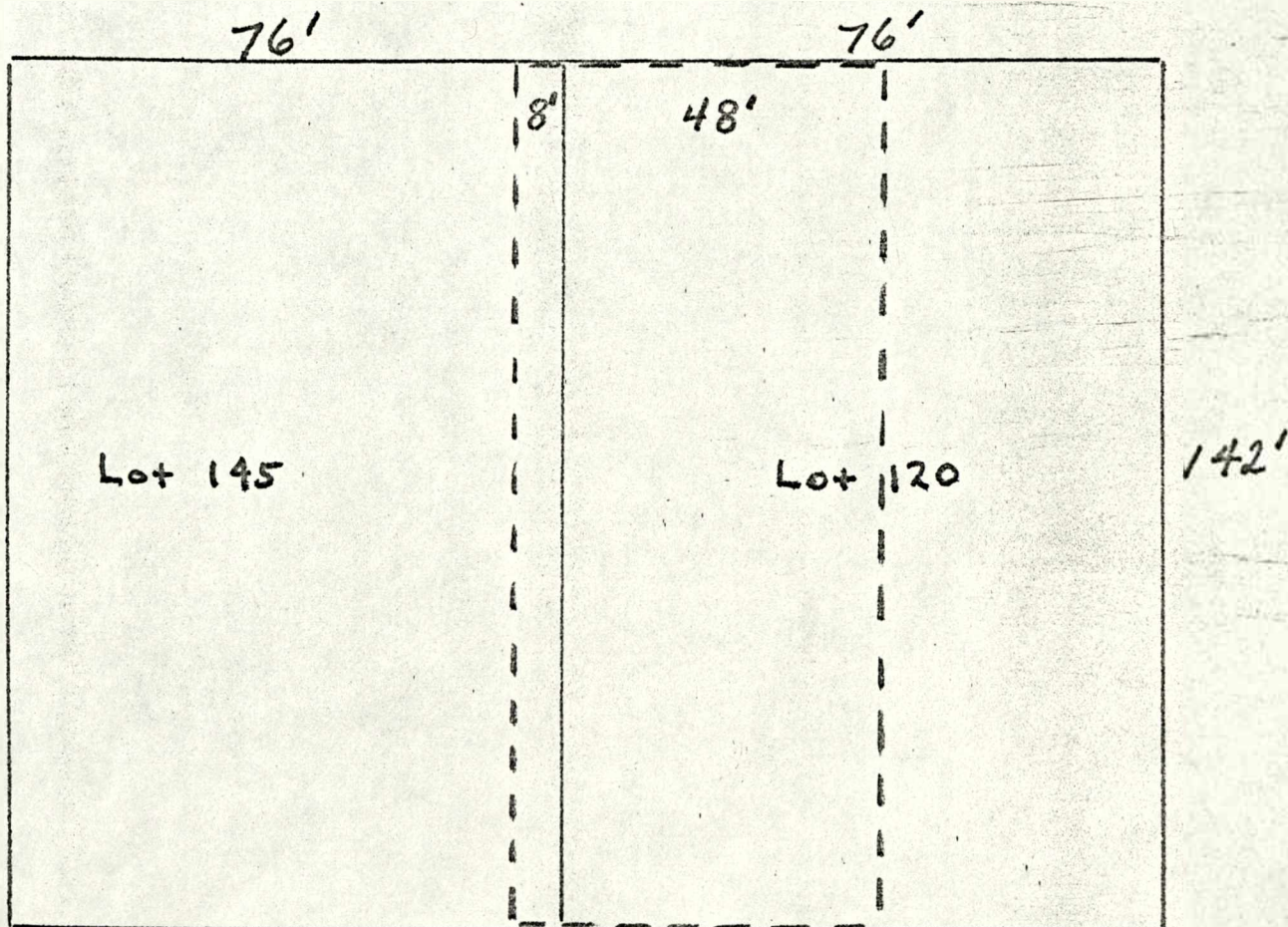
Date of sale: May 10, 1836

Owner: James and Mary Wasson

Buyer: Lucius H. Scott

Tract of land: 8' front by the whole depth off of the west side of Lot 120 and 8' front by the whole depth off of the east side of Lot 145.

Sale price: \$500.



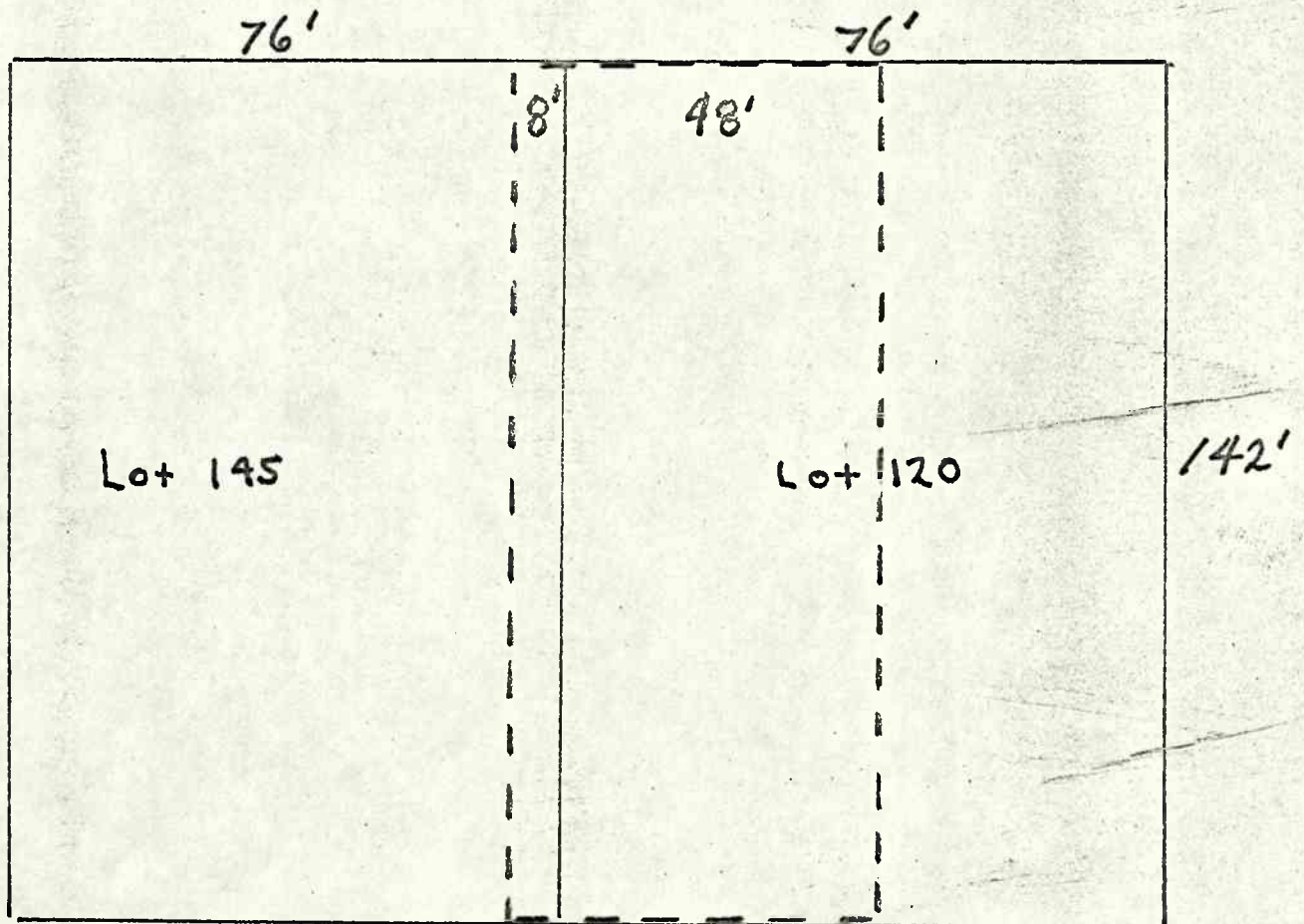
Date of sale : January 17, 1859

Owner: State Bank of Indiana

Buyer: Bank of the State of Indiana

Tract of land: 8' off of the east side of Lot 145 and 48' off of the
west side of Lot 120.

Sale price: \$8000.



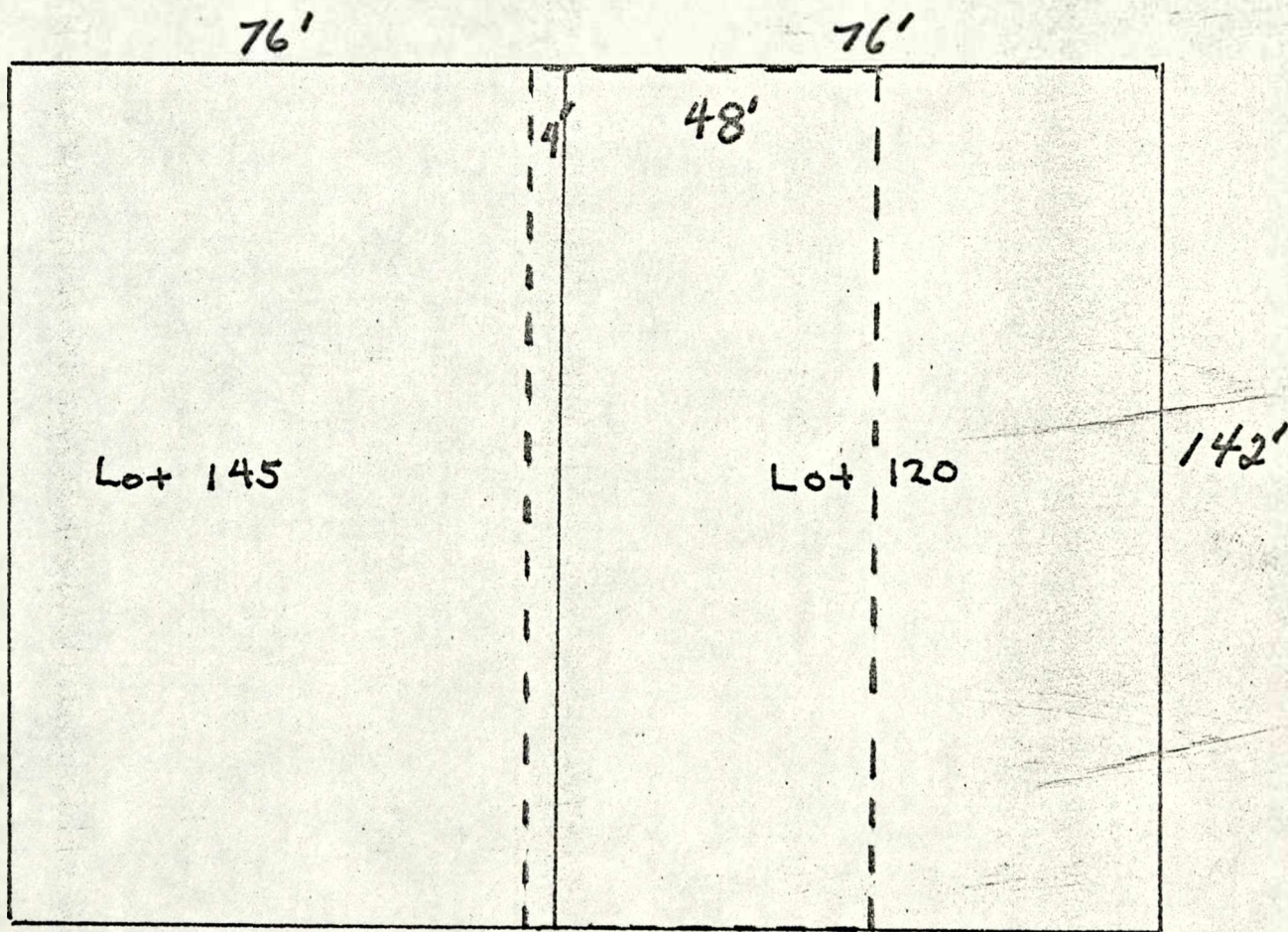
Date of sale; May 16, 1868

Owner: Bank of the State of Indiana

Buyer: Barbetta E. Weinhardt

Tract of land: 48' off of the west side of Lot 120 and 8' off of the east side of Lot 145.

Sale price: \$4500.



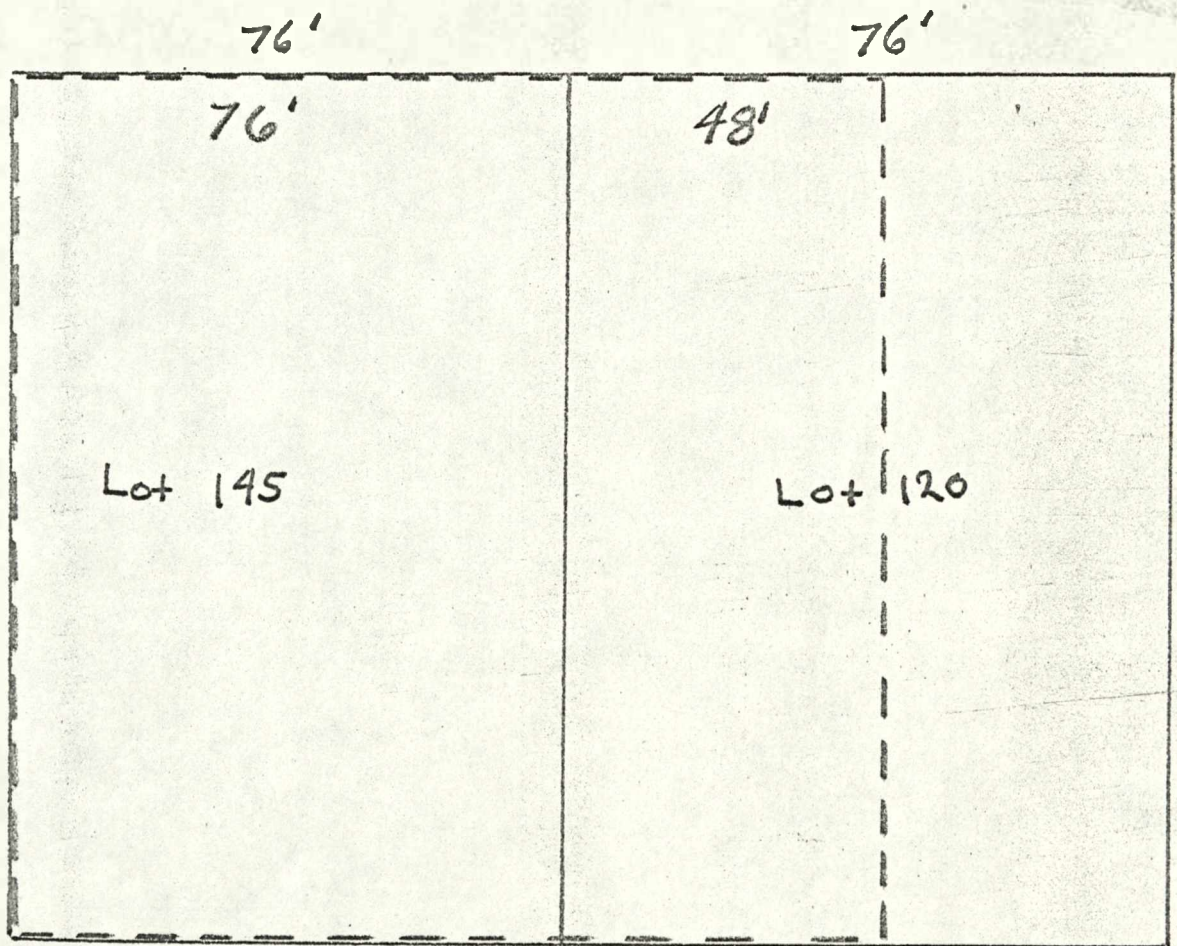
Date of sale: January 29, 1874 and release of land--April 24, 1884

Owner: Barbetta E. Weinhardt

Buyer: J. E. Ph. Emilie Kussner

Tract of land: 48' off of the west side of Lot 120 and 8' off of the east side of Lot 145.

Sale price: \$8000.



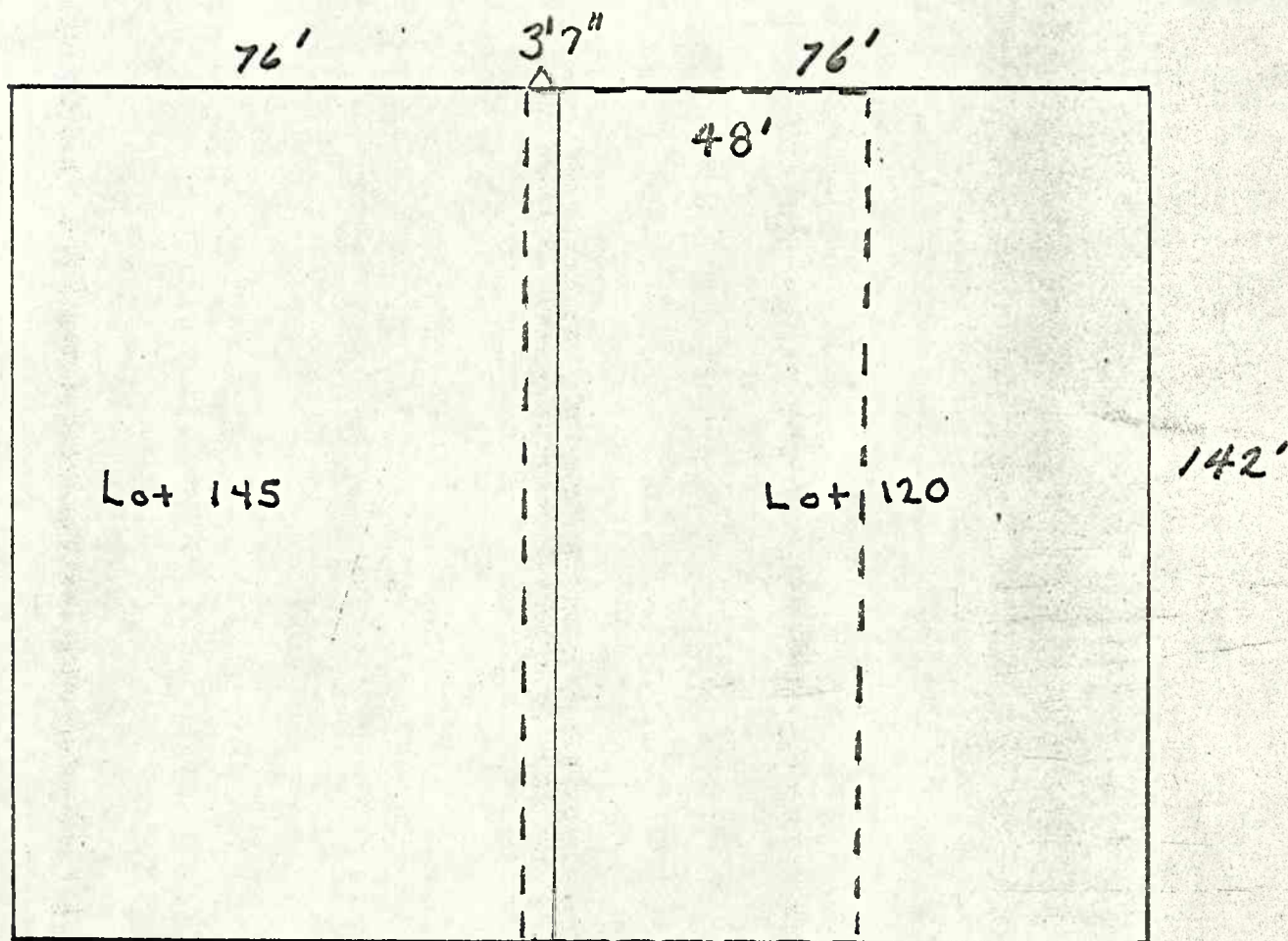
Date of sale: May 1, 1893

Owner: J. E. PH. Kussner and Lorenz Kussner

Buyer: Caroline S. Weinhardt

Tract of land: 48' off of the west side of Lot 120 and all of Lot 145.

Sale price: \$1000.



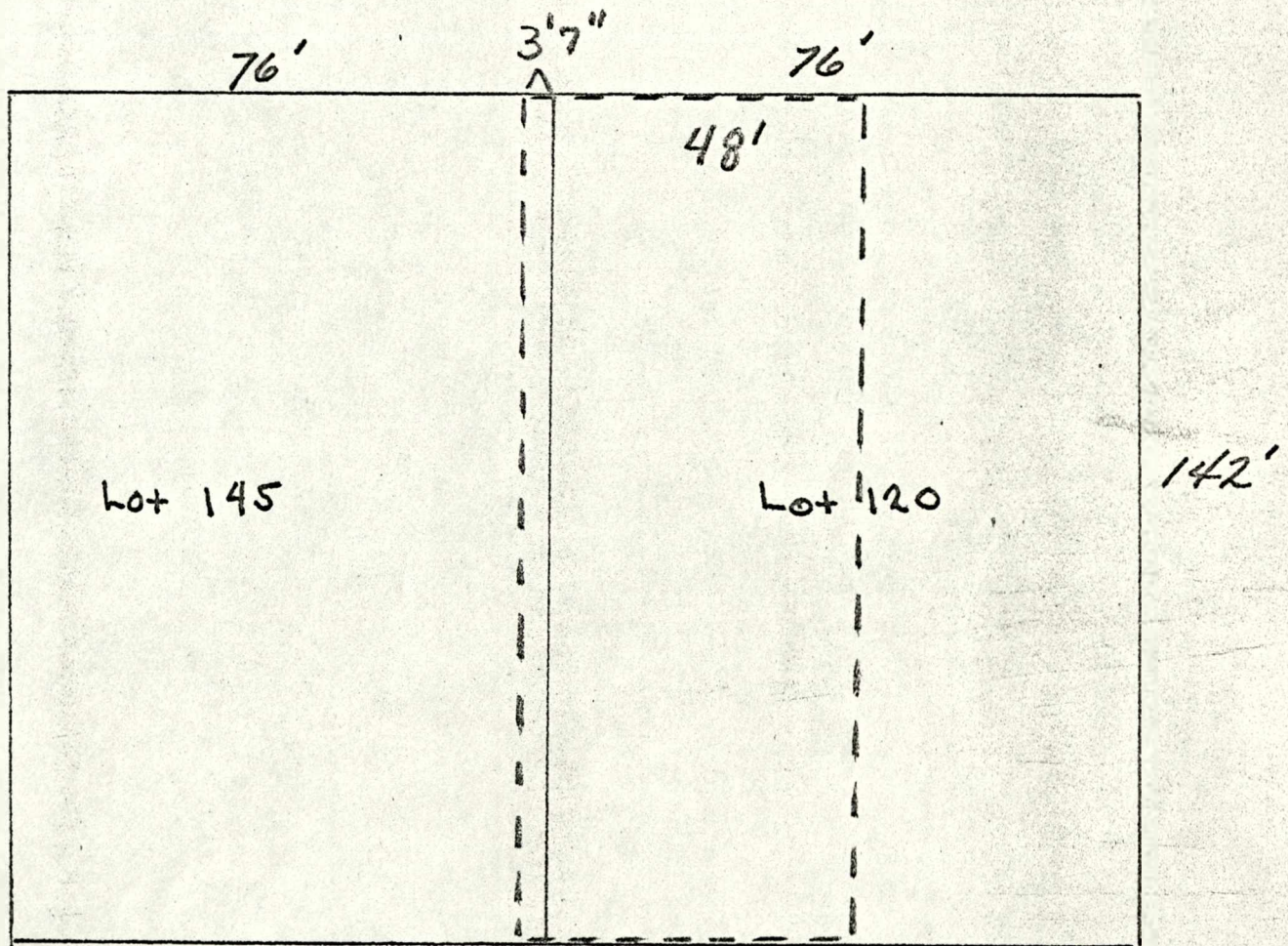
Date of sale: October 15, 1896

Owner: Caroline Weinhardt

Buyer: Amalia B. Kussner

Tract of land: 48' of the west side of Lot 120 and 3' 7" of the east side of Lot 145.

Sale price : \$1.



Date of sale: August 15, 1910

Owner: Amalia B. Kussner Coudert and Charles du Pont Coudert

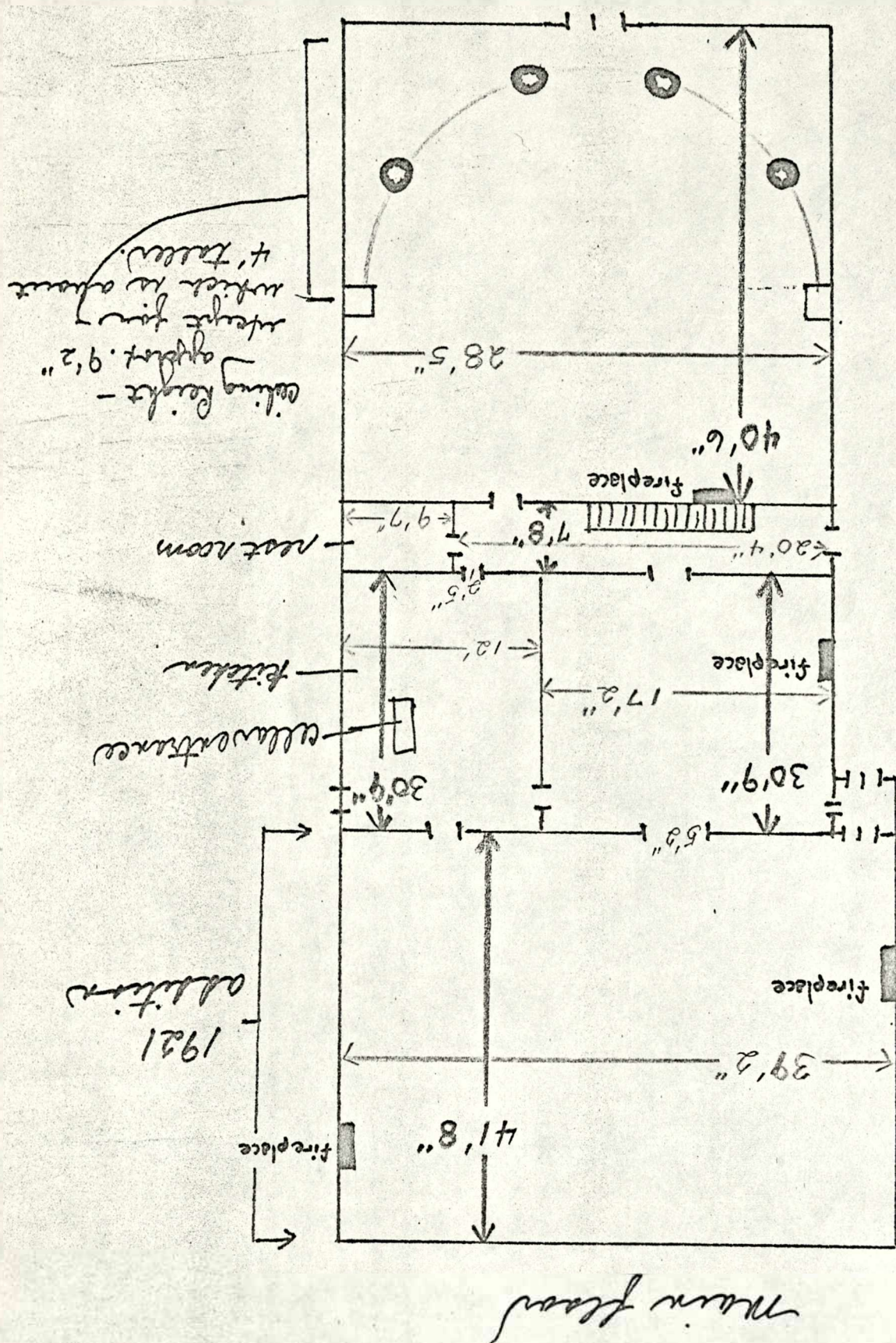
Buyer: The Memorial Hall Association

Tract of land: 48' off of the west side of Lot 120 and 3' 7" off of the east side of Lot 145.

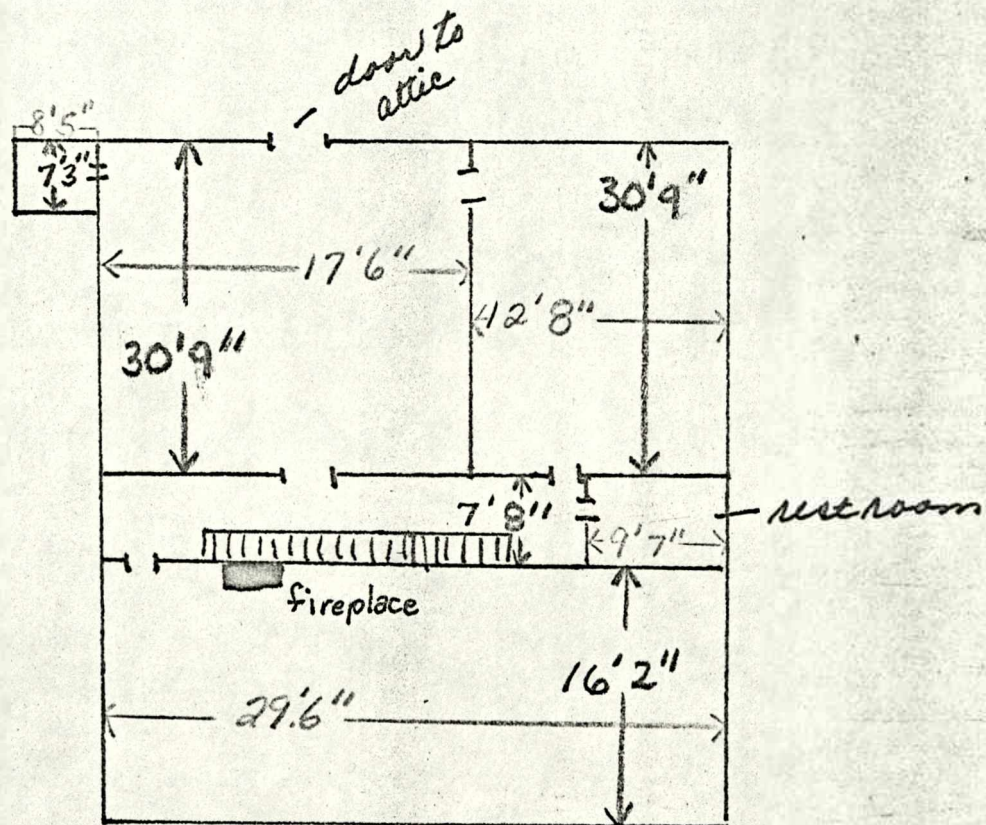
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APPROXIMATE FLOOR PLANS-----

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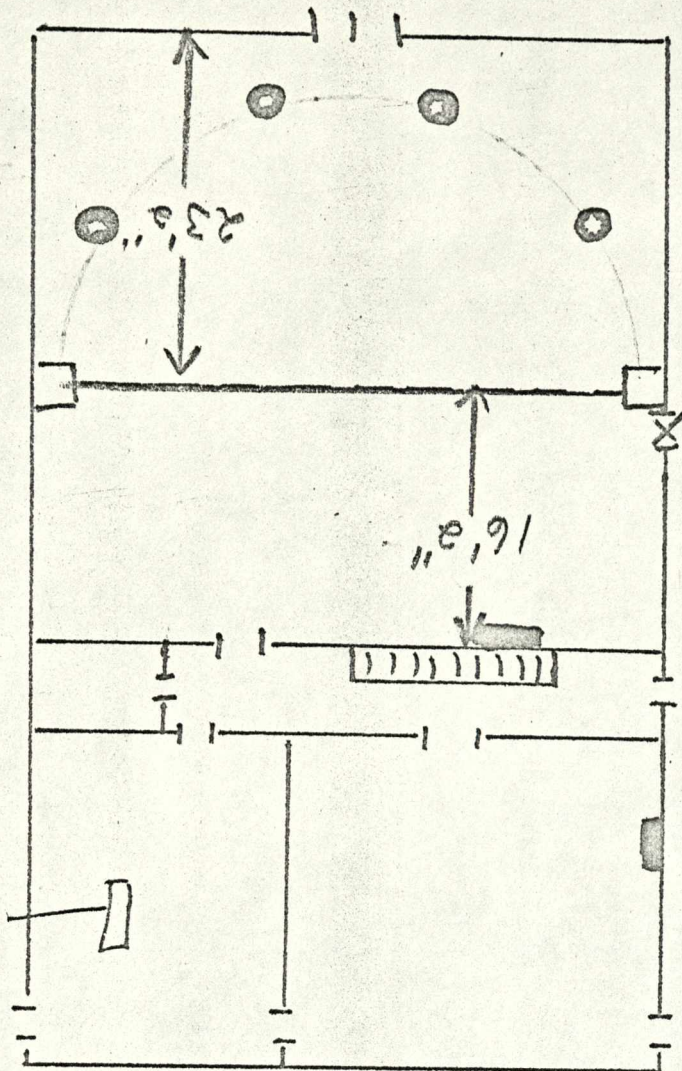


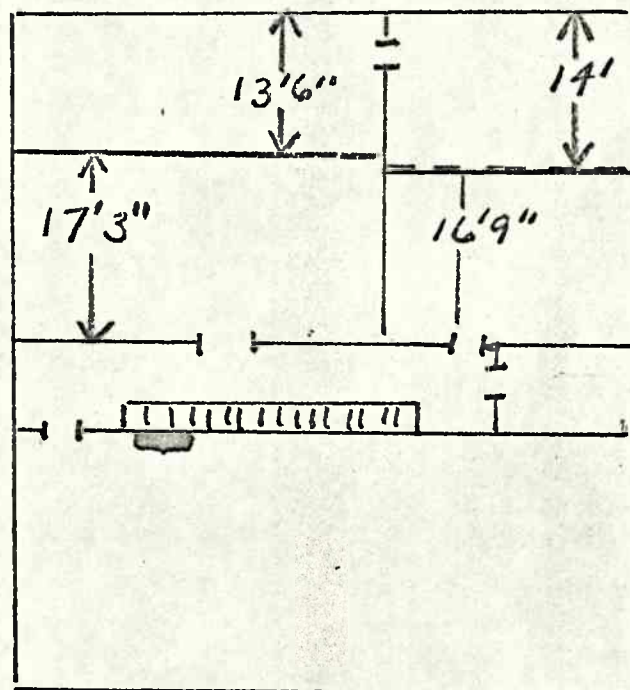
January 1970

main floor

Before 1910

cell entrance





Before 1910 - Second Storey

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Early Reminiscences.

evidences of it pass my door daily. In conclusion, I would merely say, in the language of Rip Van Winkle's favorite toast, "May he live long and prosper."

EDWIN J. PECK,

Like his old and particular friend, the subject of the preceding sketch, came to Indianapolis unburdened with the cares of a family, and a stranger to its pleasures.

He came from near New Haven, Connecticut, to this place, in May, 1833. He was the superintendent of the masonry and brick work of the State House.

It was not Mr. Peck's intention to make a home in the West when he first came to it, but after being here some two years in the capacity above stated, he became so much attached to western customs and manners that he concluded to cast his lot with his new-made friends and acquaintances, and make Indianapolis his permanent home.

After the State House was finished (which was in the fall of 1836), he had the superintendency and contract for building several important houses in different parts of the State—among which were the Branch Bank buildings at Madison, Terre Haute, Lafayette and South Bend.

He was for sometime, during its prosperous days, a director of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company, during which time its stock was worth from twenty-five to thirty per cent. premium.

He was foremost in getting up the Indianapolis and Terre Haute Railroad Company, and accompanied the engineers along the route when it was being surveyed and located, taking a lively interest in its beginning and then in its completion. He was the first treasurer of the company and remained as such for several years after its completion; then its president and a large stockholder. There is no person to whom the friends of this popular road are more indebted for making

Edwin J. Peck.

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it what it is to-day—one of the best paying roads in the West, and its high and enviable reputation as a well-conducted thoroughfare—than they are to Edwin J. Peck.

He has been connected with the management of the road from its beginning (now nineteen years) up to the present time, being a portion of that time its president. He was, also, president of the Union Railway and Depot Company, the tracks of which are used by the several railroad companies in entering and leaving the Union Depot.

The by-laws of the latter company required that the president of it should be selected from the presidents of the different railroad companies that ran into it; but when Mr. Peck resigned the presidency of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Company, such was the appreciation of his services that they changed their by-laws, and he is yet the Superintendent of the Depot and the several tracks that run into it.

I understand that it is to Mr. Peck the citizens of this city, as well as the traveling public, are indebted for having a Union Depot at all, most of the citizens thinking it would be an injury to the city, and make it nothing more than a way station where the passenger would merely pass through without even a look at the interior of any of the business houses. In this particular especially has his great foresight and wisdom been manifest and beneficial to the city as well as to all who travel through it.

He has, perhaps, done as much toward making the city of his adoption what it is to-day, as any person either living or dead; being liberal and public spirited, he has always aided with money, as well as countenance, any enterprise calculated to benefit the city and redound to its future prosperity, and its social as well as religious and educational advantages.

He is one of the largest contributors for the erection of that beautiful temple of worship, the Second Presbyterian

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Church, of which he has been an honored member and elder for many years.

He was president of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for many years, which position he resigned much against the wishes of the stockholders, but his two other presidencies made his labor too much for his physical abilities. The Gas Light and Coke Company flourished under his supervision, like every other institution he has had the management of, and he left it in a high state of prosperity.

He was, also, for sometime one of the directors of the State Insane Asylum, a very responsible but poor paying position, and such a one as persons are sought to fill who are well paid by the self-satisfaction of alleviating the misfortunes of that unhappy class of our citizens.

He also, in connection with Messrs. Blake and Ray, in 1852, laid out an addition to the City Cemetery, a want so much needed and called for at that time.

Were I to stop at his public services and liberality it would be doing him but partial justice, and the object I have in sketching him as a character that should be emulated. He has never been known to turn a deaf ear to the poor or those less fortunate than himself, but has acted upon the scriptural principle that "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

He has assisted many persons in business; and though he has never been the person to speak of it himself, we came in possession of the fact from the beneficiaries themselves.

He has furnished means for the erection and carrying on of several manufacturing establishments in this city, as well as other places, in which his name does not appear to the public. He has dispensed his liberality in such manner as he will be enabled to witness the good he has done as he passes along, and without waiting, as too many do, to let others do it for

him, and without, perhaps, carrying out one of his wishes, and without any regard for them.

With temperate habits, a good constitution and a clear conscience, he has managed to get himself a wife, a handsome income, and the universal respect and friendship of his many acquaintances throughout the State. The writer was one of the first acquaintances he made in this city, and we have never heard an unkind word spoken of Edwin J. Peck.

His genial manners, universal good humor, kind and obliging disposition, has won him hosts of friends. There is none that enjoys an innocent joke more than he does, and although but a Peck in name he is a bushel in humor.

"I readily and freely grant,
He downa see a poor man want;
What's na his ain, he winna take it,
What once he says, he winna break it."

May he live long to enjoy the prosperity he has done so much to produce, is the sincere wish of the writer of this brief but truthful tribute to his many virtues.

HON. DANIEL D. PRATT.

This distinguished gentleman, who has within the past year been called by the Legislature to surrender one high position to accept that of another still higher in the National Legislature, was for about two years and a half a citizen of this place. While here he won the respect of all who knew him.

I have before me a letter from him in answer to one I had written, which portrays in every line the true character of the man. Although it was not intended by him for publication, I will take the liberty of so doing, as it contains very interesting reminiscences of his stay in the city.

Mr. Pratt is a man of fine legal ability, and, as a lawyer, is devoted to his profession, and in his character fills that

"Column of true majesty in man,"
talent, honesty and kindness of heart; and I am not surprised

Memorial Stadium Opened (Officially) In '25

T. H. Star 9-18-70

Baseball Was Game That Day

With "Big Jim" Elliott in the pitcher's box, with Turner behind the bat, "Cat" Clanton picking them out of the air and the dust around first base, with Joe Wyatt scoring the first and final all-deciding run of the game with circuit drives, and George Wuestling dropping one in the right field bleachers for a home run in the final seconds in the seemingly fatal

Editor's note — The following, re-printed in its entirety, is Harry Hamby's account in the Terre Haute Tribune of the dedication of Memorial Stadium, which took place May 5, 1925.

By HARRY H. HAMBY

Nine thousand maddened and cheering men, women, and children Monday afternoon transformed the new municipal stadium from a colossal horse-shoe of concrete and steel into a living memorial to Vigo County's war heroes and a monument to a new era of sportsmanship in Terre Haute.

Someone once said that history repeats itself and the old fairgrounds site, which in the good old days was the horse-racing center in this section of the country, seems certain to become a shrine for all devotees of the national pastime and kindred sports for many miles around. And who is there, who saw yesterday's thriller between the Tots and Tractors, but will say that for a real "kick" the circling of the old one-mile track didn't have a thing on the three four-base circuit made by Messrs. Wyatt and Wuestling.

No artist could paint such a picture as was presented yesterday when the huge bowl seemed practically filled with swaying colors of various hues. The dark clothes of the men contrasting with the bright and colorful attire of the women gaily decorated boxes, banners floating, Old Glory flapping in the breeze with now and then a burst of sunlight peeping from out the huge white clouds which drifted slowly by in the sky overhead.

Thrill After Thrill

No dramatist ever conceived of so many thrills as was offered in those 11 innings of baseball and no sport writer in his wildest moment ever dreamed of such a timely climax to the day's festivities — and Noah Webster never put sufficient words in that dictionary of his

ninth inning — who could ask for more?

For those who did not think their cup of joy quite overflowing, there was provided the appearance of the grizzled and smiling K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, and a number of other nationally known characters, a band which played throughout the game; the first ball pitched by Landis himself, the ball relayed to our own Mayor Ora Davis, sponsor of the stadium who stepped into the pitcher's box like a veteran, donned Jim Elliott's top-piece and pitched a "dark one" that baffled the lead-off man of the Peoria team.

Fans Arrive Early

As early as 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the crowd started to arrive. From then to 3:30 o'clock there was a steady stream of men, women, and children pouring into the many entrances and which did not stop until the boxes and grandstand had been crowded and the bleachers comfortably filled.

It was truly a new day for baseball in Terre Haute. There were many who were seeing their first game, others who liked baseball, but not the old league stand and these together with the old loyal supporters of the game in Terre Haute made it a crowd never to be forgotten in the annals of baseball history in this city.

It is impossible to attempt to name all of the locally well known and important people present at the game. They were all there. For the first time in many years, business was at a standstill throughout the city during the afternoon. All of the schools were dismissed and

truly all roads led to the stadium.

The civic clubs came to the front in a most pleasing manner, the Rotary, Kiwanis and Exchange clubs having a number of boxes reserved. The boxes were gayly decorated and no bunch of rooters were more loyal than these.

Landis Makes Appearance

The appearance of K. M. Landis held the center of attraction for the fans. In company of Charles Barnard, president of the Cleveland American League baseball club; Gene Wylie, president of the Three-I League; Joseph Gooble, president, and Jack Ryan, vice-president of the Peoria baseball club; Mike Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor League baseball clubs; Mayor Ora Davis and Ross Harriott, president of the local fans' association, Landis entered the stadium just a few minutes before the game.

This picturesque figure of baseball received a rousing ovation, once his presence was discovered and he was officially greeted by the melodious voices from the Harmony Four, coming from the Kiwanis club box, who sang out their "How Do You Do, Mr. Landis."

The reception "went over" big, with Landis, rising and bowing to the quartet and his applauding neighbors.

In a few minutes Birch Bayh of the Exchange Club presented the tall gray-haired man with a huge bouquet of roses and still later President "Bill" Steube, of Rotary, gave him a box of cigars.

"All Set" For Game

With the roses lying on the ledge in front of him, a cigar

set firmly in the corner of his mouth, his slouch hat pulled down over his right eye, and his chin resting on the heavy cane which he carries, Judge K. M. Landis was "all set" for the game.

To say that he enjoyed it is to put it mildly and with only an occasional glance about the stadium his attention remained on the game throughout the afternoon.

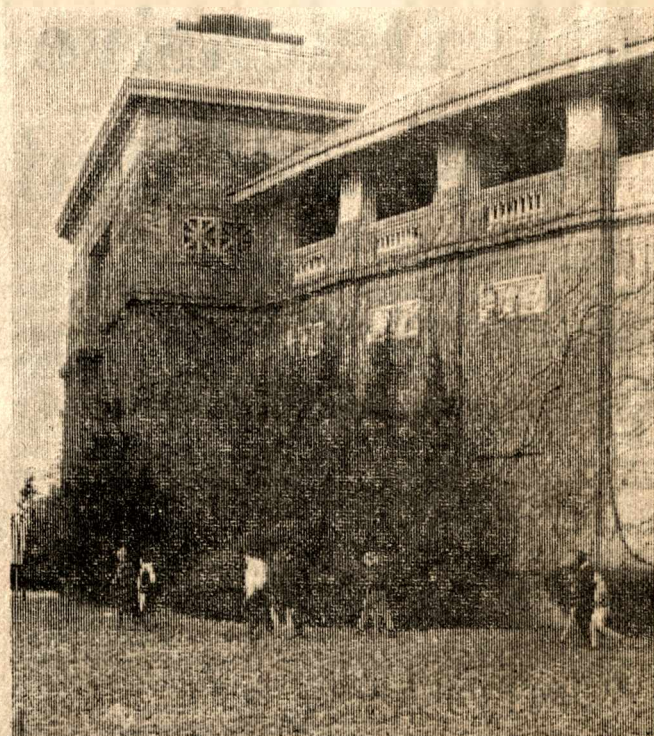
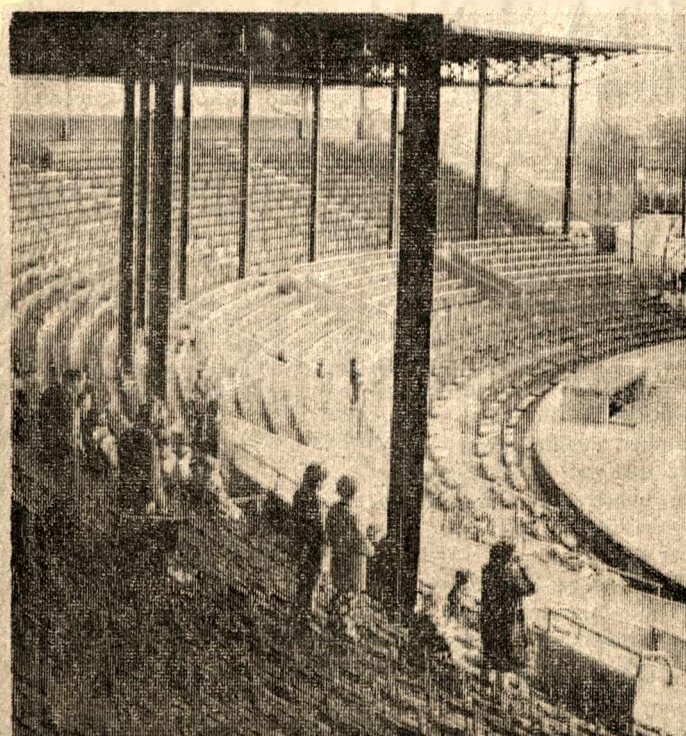
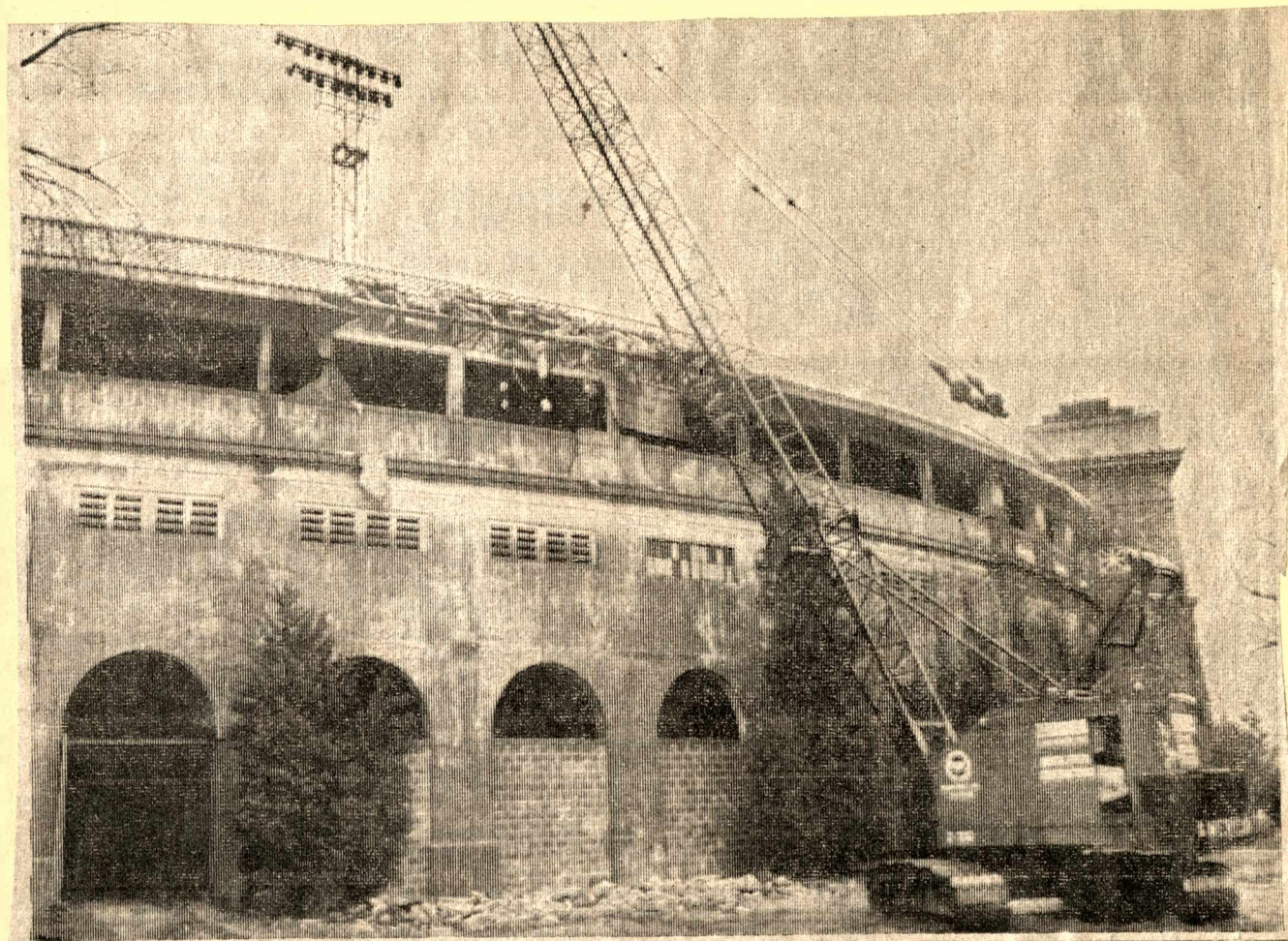
Unfortunately he was forced to leave before the most exciting part of the fray. Officials of the Danville club came here to meet him and escort him to their fair city where Landis was to be honor guest at a banquet last night and was present at the opening of the league there today.

Before leaving, Landis stopped for a few minutes to express his ideas about our sta-

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Memorial Stadium

Community Affairs File



WORK BEGINS—ERA PASSES—Demolition work began on the remaining 'old' part of Memorial Stadium Tuesday, paving the way for a 13,000-seat facility to be constructed before the start of the 1970 football season. Zebrowski and Associates Inc., of Indianapolis are responsible for the demolition

work, pictured in the photo at the left. The two pictures on the right were taken at the end of the 1969 season. History-minded sports fans might clip the series to show grandchildren "what once was" some cold day in 1984 or so. (Photos by Kadel and Wanninger) *T.H. Star p. 23 11-19-69*

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McDnlds	2.20	63.98	+41
McKesson	48	63.69	-05
McAfee	41	63	-05
MedcoHth	61	98	+23
MediaGen	10	19	-44
Medtronic	.82	39.71	-49
Merck	1.52	35.14	+85
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MS India	1.78	22.94	-16
Motorola		8.67	-18
Mylan		17.65	-24
NCR Corp.		10.30	-08
Nabors		22.25	-11
NatlBevrg		11.01	-13
NatFuGas	1.34	49.03	-24
NatGrid	2.69	53.88	-11
NektarTh		9.24	-11
Netease		40.69	-125
Netflix		61.13	+38
NJ Rscs	1.24	36.42	+04
Newcastle		2.19	-03
NewellRub	.20	14.68	-02
NewMarket	1.50	112.19	-31
NiSource	.92	13.99	-13
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NokiaCp	.52	13.93	+25
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epaidLg		41.13	-38
inFncL	.50	27.01	-11
octGam	1.76	62.41	+10
ogrssEn	2.48	38.33	-01
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identil	.70	50.34	+39
bStrg	2.20	80.89	+76
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Memorial Stadium


Each Thanksgiving Day between 1924 and 1953, Terre Haute's Memorial Stadium at Brown and Wabash avenues hosted the annual Wiley-Garfield football game.

Built for \$400,000 at a time when civic pride was near its zenith, the stadium was an architectural masterpiece, purportedly encircling the world's second largest athletic field. Only New York's Yankee Stadium was larger. Designed by local architects Shourds & Stoner as a memorial to World War I veterans, the oval stadium was 600 feet long and 375 feet wide. Bids were opened by the city park board on May 8, 1923. The job was awarded to Terre Haute contractor North-Rafflin Construction Co., the lowest of four bidders, two days later. Bonds were sold to finance construction. The "Four-Cornered" harness racing track, site of more than 20 world records, previously occupied the grounds.

Designed to seat 16,000 people, the expandable arena offered 9,000 permanent stainless steel grandstand seats covered by a roof and 1,200 moveable box seats. Unroofed bleachers flanked the southeast and northwest sides. The south entrance was framed by the \$90,000 Bedford stone memorial arch which endures. The facility was first used Oct. 13, 1924, when 10,000 people attended a rally for Democratic presidential candidate John W. Davis. Though the bleacher porches were incomplete, a union boycott could not prevent 11,500 from attending the traditional 1924 gridiron rivalry between the city's oldest high schools, Wiley and Garfield, on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27. The game ended in a scoreless tie. It was preceded by a soccer match between Sarah Scott and McLean junior high schools.

Formal dedication took place on May 4, 1925, when the Terre Haute Tots and Peoria Tractors launched the Three-I League baseball season before 9,000 people. Local favorite "Jumbo Jim" Elliott pitched the Tots to victory in 11 innings, 5-4. Public schools and most downtown businesses closed. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, major league baseball's first commissioner, threw out the first pitch to Terre Haute Mayor Ora Davis, who championed the stadium project. Declared the "finest minor league baseball park in America," Memorial Stadium retained that rank until Terre Haute's storied era of professional baseball ended on July 3, 1956. A temporary fence was installed to shorten the 546-foot distance from home plate to deep centerfield to 410 feet.

Besides minor league baseball, the stadium hosted major league baseball spring training camps and exhibitions, high school, college and semi-pro baseball and football, boxing and wrestling matches, circuses, fairs, carnivals, conventions and fireworks. During World War II, it was flooded in the winter for ice skating. The stadium continued as the venue for Indiana State and local high school baseball and football games after 1956 but fell into disrepair. In July 1966 ISU agreed to build a football stadium at the site in stages. Installation of the first synthetic AstroTurf college athletic field was completed on Sept. 16, 1967. Demolition of the old stadium's exterior began in November 1969. The arch and exterior concrete wall of the original edifice survive.



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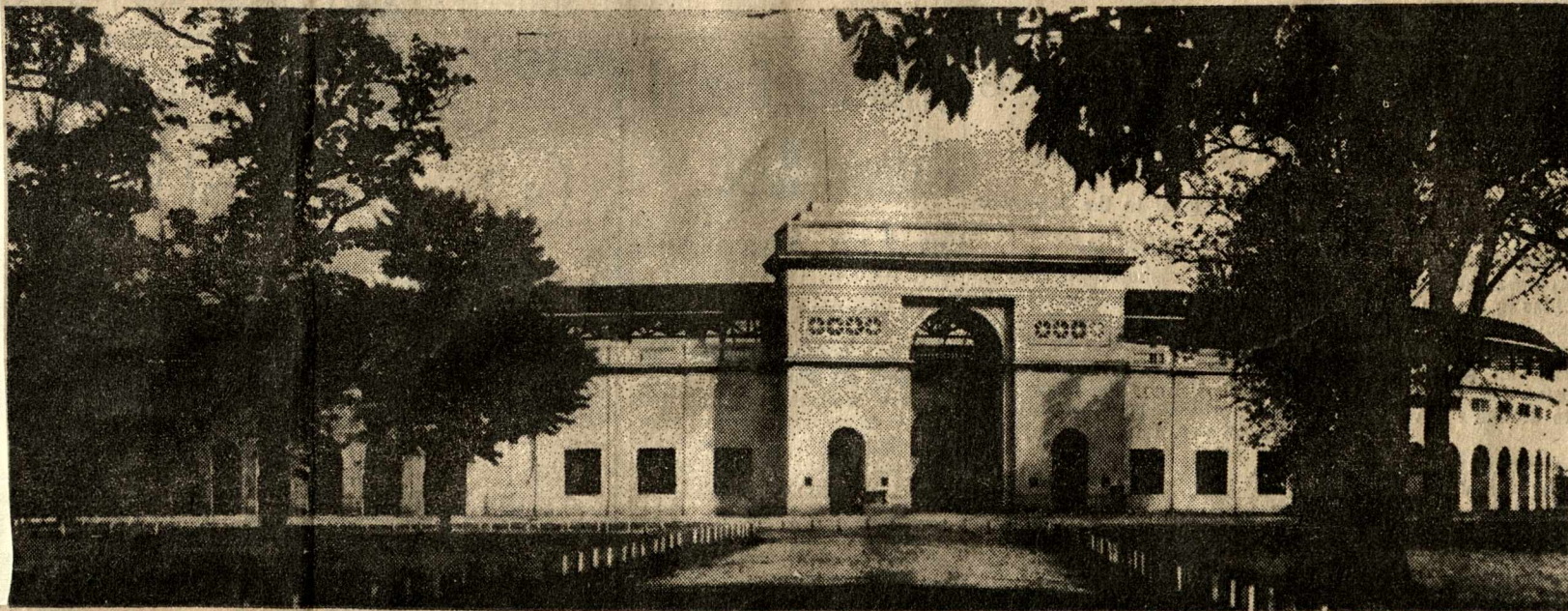
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LOCAL HISTORY



IN THE PAST — Memorial Stadium, as it looked in the past, is shown in a photo taken from an old Indiana State yearbook. The newly remodeled facility will be rededicated when ISU's football team meets Western Kentucky Saturday night.

New Memorial Stadium To Be Used First Time

By TOM RECK

Star Sports Editor

Memorial Stadium, with a "new look" about it, will be rededicated Saturday night when Indiana State's football team plays Western Kentucky in a game scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

The stadium has come a long way since the early 1900s when the site was first put to use as the home of the Vigo County Fair. One of the top attractions at that time was "four-cornered" Grand Circuit harness racing.

The last Vigo County Fair at the old stadium site was in 1917. Construction began on the sta-

dium proper in 1922 and it was estimated to have cost \$450,000. It was built by the city and dedicated to the memory of servicemen from the area who

(Special Stadium features in second and third sections of this newspaper.)

fought in World War I. Some of those same veterans will take part in a special ceremony before the football game is played Saturday night.

The stadium was designed primarily for use by baseball teams and had a seating capacity of around 16,000. The facility served as a home for minor

league baseball teams for many years (see story in special section) until the team was disbanded in 1956.

The field was first put to use in the fall of 1924 when Wiley and Garfield played their traditional Thanksgiving Day football game—that series will come to a halt next month when the two clubs meet for the final time before being absorbed by the two new local schools.

The official opening of the stadium came in May of 1925 when the local baseball team opened its season here. A story of that

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Considerable publicity has been derived from the laying of the artificial surface since then.

The first step also included putting semi-permanent bleachers on the north side of the field with an estimated seating capacity of 4,500. The first football game played on the new surface was in September of 1967.

The second phase of the renovation at Memorial Stadium has been the razing of all portions of the old structure, except for the arch which will stand always, and constructing modern, concrete stands which have a seating capacity of 13,500.

All but the press box, which will be one of the finest in the midwest, and an elevator leading to it and to the higher portion of the grandstand will be put into use Saturday night. A new scoreboard and new lights are also part of the "new look" at Memorial Stadium.

Eventually, the remodeling of the stadium will include a new grandstand on the north side of the field with a seating capacity of about 13,500.

With the new stands now ready for use, the stadium capacity is around 20,000. When the new stand is constructed it will be around 26,000.

Plans are already being made to schedule top-flight college and high school games here and, hopefully, a pro exhibition.

With a civic center, amphitheatre project being planned in Terre Haute, this city will have some of the most modern, finest facilities in the midwest.

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day is found on page 11 of the special section.

In addition to baseball games and football contests, played by high schools and Indiana State State and Rose Poly, some of the other events which took place at Memorial Stadium were the annual Miner's Picnic, high school baccalaureate services and 4-H fairs. A nine-hole golf course was added to the site in 1932, constructed as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project.

In November of 1966, the stadium was leased to Indiana State on a 99-year basis. The school trustees then mapped plans for converting the facility into the city's first "bona fide" football stadium.

The first steps taken were to raze the unroofed bleacher sections of the stadium and re-route the direction of the football field. AstroTurf also was put down at the time, making it the world's first university-operated outdoor facility of this type.

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Enlarged Stadium Capacity T.H. 20,200 Seats In 1970 HISTORIC LANDMARKS

INDIANA State University's Memorial Stadium will become a 20,200 seat stadium in time for the 1970 football season. All the necessary approval from Governor Edgar Whitcomb, the State Budget Agency and the State Budget Committee has been acquired to raze the old, 5,500 seat section well known to Terre Haute resident. This will be replaced with a new 13,000 permanent seat section. The opposite side of the field has a 7,200 seat semi-permanent seating capacity.

The Memorial Stadium is now operated by the University on a 99 year lease by agreement with the Vigo County Board of Commissioners and the City Council of Terre Haute as of November, 1966. In 1967 certain remodeling work was completed, including razing of the older uncovered portions of the seating section, erection of the semi-permanent seats and the installation of the world's first university-owned outdoor AstroTurf playing surface.

President of the University, Alan Rankin stated that in the coming phase of remodeling, the old stadium archway, a memorial to local area servicemen, would be retained in the new permanent seating construction work.

Estimated costs have been estimated at about 2 million dollars and no state funds will be used for the project. It will be financed through receipts from fees and earnings. Revenue bonds will also be issued and sold.

Included in the plans are new locker rooms, public rest rooms and good pressbox facilities. Work is expected to begin immediately after the close of the 1969 football season and before the start of the 1970 season.

A number of local high schools also use the stadium for games of football and soccer. A new athletic conference being contemplated stipulates that conference members have a stadium seating of not less than 20,000. With this new arrangement, Terre Haute will indeed attract varied and excellent opponents in football schedules.

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Stadium Will Be Erected At Once

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May --
The contract for the construction of the municipal stadium was awarded last night by the board of park commissioners to the North-Raffin Construction company on a bid of \$382,482, this amount eliminating three sections of seats from each end and providing for a change in the kind of steel to be used.

The struggle for which the contract was awarded will seat approximately 16,000 persons and will provide a roof over the entire structure. This size is such that a football field placed inside of the horseshoe shape will extend but a short distance beyond the last seats on either side. According to the terms of the bids, there is to be enough of the structure completed before the Wiley-Garfield Thanksgiving game to seat 12,000 persons.

I. D. Raffin, of the firm of North & Raffin, said last night that it was his intention to personally supervise the work of construction, which would be pushed as rapidly as possible.

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"A tremendous savings could be passed to the university if the city, in cooperation with the other governmental units, would lease the stadium to ISU for a period of years," McGlone told the mayor.

McGlone said a long term lease would permit the university to recover the cost it might have in remodeling and expanding the stadium.

If the Park Department retains the stadium, the cost of repairing the structure will fall on the tax rolls as an additional bond issue, McGlone said.

ISU Explores Ways To Take Over Stadium

By RON HARDMAN

Indiana State University officials confirmed Monday they are interested in converting Memorial Stadium into a football field providing a satisfactory agreement can be reached with city and county units now operating the 40-year-old structure.

Built as a memorial to World War I veterans, the once widely acclaimed stadium is now described as about to come apart at the seams. Park Department estimates place the cost of repairs at a minimum of \$150,000.

Mayor Ralph Tucker told a meeting of university, city and county officials it is impossible for the city to maintain the structure for no more use than it receives.

A special seven-man committee, headed by W. L. "Roy" White, Park Board president, was named to study the proposal at the conclusion of the one hour exploratory session held in the County Commissioners office at the Court House.

White said he hopes to call another meeting next week to begin work on details of a possible agreement with the college.

In addition to White, other members of the committee are J. Kenneth Moulton, vice president and treasurer of ISU; Sid Levin, Park Board member; Dr. Malcolm E. Boone, president of the City Council; Kermit Nees, county commissioner; Ray Thomas, city controller, and Everett S. Branam, president of the County Council.

The committee must produce answers to a number of questions before the proposed deal can become a reality. Heading the list will be such items as the future status of the stadium, the public golf course and the maintenance and storage of park department equipment. The park department current-

ly uses part of the structure for the storage of playground equipment and department vehicles when they are not in use. Donald High, park superintendent, estimates it would cost the city \$200,000 to build a new storage building.

The city council thus far has balked at appropriating necessary funds for repairing the stadium. Dr. Boone told the gathering he believes the council favors turning over the stadium to the university in lieu of doing the work.

Dr. Allan C. Rankin, ISU president, explained the stadium might help the university solve an immediate need for a football field. He said the administration is very interested and will be glad to work with local officials for a satisfactory agreement.

The city now operates the stadium and the golf course as part of a long-term lease agreement with the county, which owns the land. The city would have to relinquish its rights to the property clearing the way for ISU to enter into a new agreement with the county.

White said he favors ISU taking over the stadium if it would preserve it as a memorial.

Both White and High have made numerous trips to surrounding cities to inspect similar repair jobs in an effort to estimate the cost.

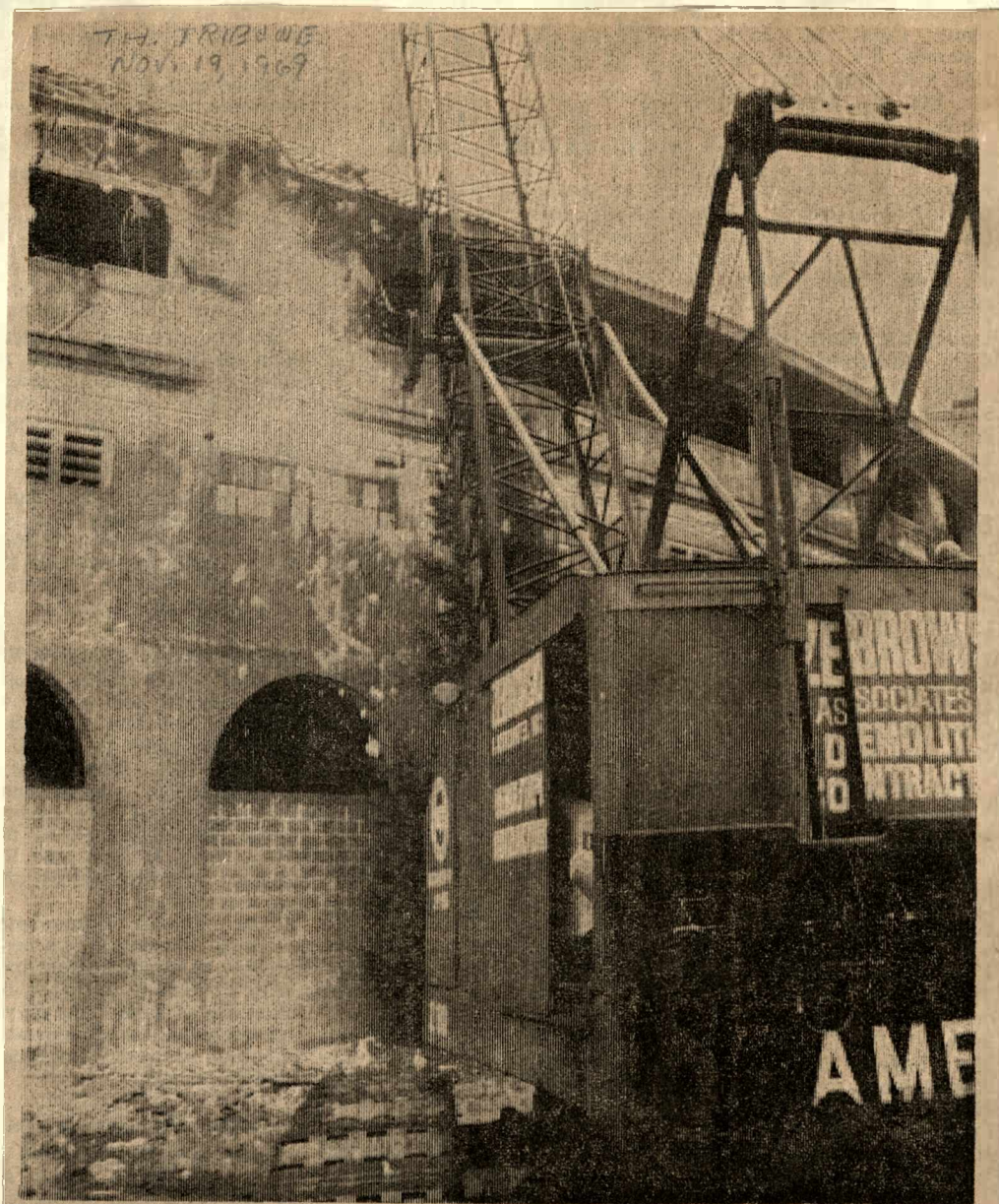
"It was one of the first stadiums of its type to be built in the country," White said. "It still is a pretty good building if they keep it up."

It was recalled George Trautman, former president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, referred to the stadium in 1947 as the finest in class B baseball. He said it was superior to many in use in larger cities.

The last major renovation of the stadium came during the closing months of the administration of Vern McMillan, Republican, who was succeeded as mayor in 1948 by Ralph Tucker.

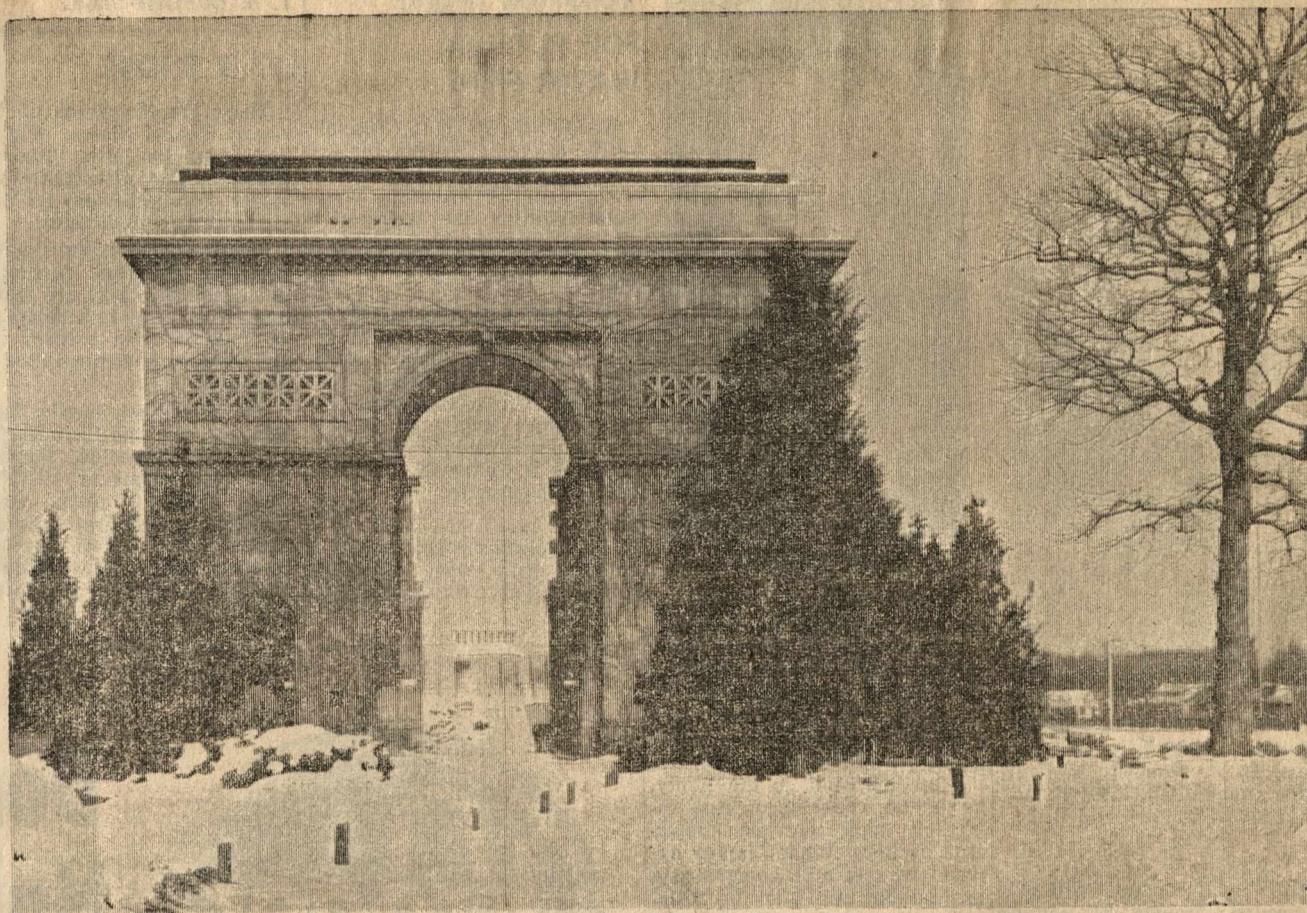
Roger Winters, park superintendent under McMillan, was in charge of the repair work. A new roof, improved seating, repainting of the building, and landscaping were items completed at that time.

Winter said there was and still is no city in the middle west that has a stadium to compare with Terre Haute. If for no other reason, he said, the stadium should be maintained as a memorial to the local men who died for their country in World War I.



GOING, GOING . . . —A Dempsey ball crashes into the old structure at Memorial Stadium as work began Tuesday to tear the old part of the stadium down, and replace it was a new 13,000 seating capacity unit. Zebrowski and Associates of Indianapolis are doing the demolition work. (Photo by Kadel)

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UNDRAPED ON A WINTRY DAY—The arch at Memorial Stadium, which had been draped by a curved bleacher section for 45 years, stands alone to face the cold and wetness of winter. But the majesty of the arch projects above the snow-covered ground as workmen begin the task of constructing new bleacher seats for the Indiana State University football facility. Through the arch can be seen the north grandstand with the auxiliary pressbox sitting atop it. The arch will continue to stand alone, since the new bleacher section will pass several feet to the rear.

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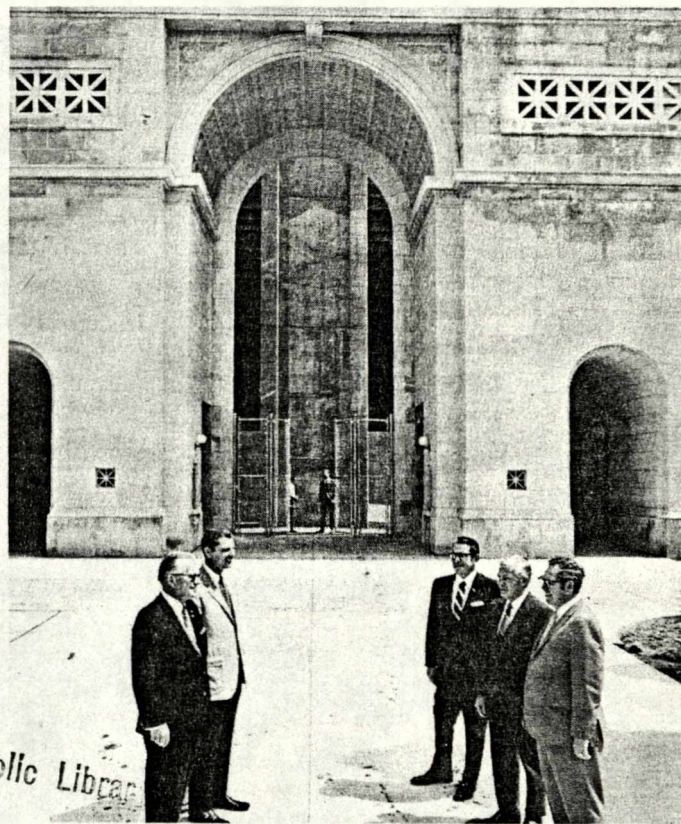
PANORAMIC VIEW of Memorial Stadium from the old north bleachers. Concession stands and rest room facilities are located underneath the stadium along the full length of the structure.

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ISU's new football facility will be 100% ready for use this season. The partially completed structure was put into use last year, but some inconvenience was incurred by fans because the finishing touches had not been added.

When the Sycamores take to the field September 18 for their first of six home games this season, however, the fans will be as comfortable as they would be at home (give or take a few degrees of temperature).

The difference will be seen immediately. All access roads to the stadium grounds have been newly paved and some have been re-routed to make access and egress



FIVE SYCAMORE FANS and members of the 200-Club pause a moment at Memorial Arch before starting a tour of the new building. Left to right they are Welby Frantz, Esten Fuson, William Mitchell, Marion Underwood and Don Farnsworth. Barely visible are the "gate tenders" Pierre Burke, athletic business manager, and Ed McKee, sports information director.

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Rich Renn (Gary Wirt), a two-year letterman who led all rushers in the spring game, will earn playing time both at fullback and tailback.

Also available are sophomores Tom Lenz, who gained almost five times as much yardage on the ground as any other freshman back last year, Dave Milovac, who played mostly defense last year, and Ray Gessler, who had an impressive spring game. Gessler is a fullback; the other two tailbacks.

The offensive interior line lacks the depth of the glamour positions, but the first unit seems to have quality.

Jim Novack, a non-lettering junior, will have the assignment of replacing Crossland at center, and Huntsman feels the 6-2, 222-pounder can handle the job.

Three lettermen are available at guard, where co-captain Steve Balash (Hobart) and returning starter Bob Poss are backed up by senior Maury Loeffel.

The tackle positions will be in the hands of junior Dan Galbraith, already considered by Huntsman one of the best at the position he's ever coached, and two-year letterman Terry McGrath. Both started last year.

Interior line reserves include juniors Phil DeLong (Paoli) and Bill D'Andrea, senior Tom Mylan and Mike Flick (South Bend Washington) considered an outstanding sophomore.

Defensively, the secondary seems deepest, with four lettermen and two good sophomores to fill the three positions.

Bob Turner (East Chicago Washington), a two-year regular with a chance to become ISU's all-time leading pass interceptor, will be the single safety in the Sycamores' new alignment this year, with lettermen Doug Garrard (Danville Avon) and John Barro manning the cornerback posts.

Junior letterman Dewey Norton (Terre Haute Gerstmeyer) and sophomore Joe Cougill (Wanamaker Franklin Center) will be in reserve at the corners, with sophomore Buddie Robertson backing up Turner.

The linebacking corps lacks depth and experience, but the starting unit of John Karaszia and Jim Shaughnessy should be a good one. The smaller of the Karaszia twins was a regular last year while Shaughnessy, a swift 208-pounder, switched in the spring from defensive end, where he lettered in 1970.

Four sophomores will be backing up the starters — Dennis Psychinka (younger brother of ISU frosh coach Bob Psychinka), Dike Dastillung, Roger Owens (Portage) and Bob Proctor.

ISU's new six-man defensive line lacks experience but has potential. The defensive line is probably strongest at guard, where co-captain Mike Costolo will team with senior Jerry Gelling.

The 6-4, 233-pound Costolo has been a two-year regular, and should Gelling (6-5, 254) play up to his potential the Sycamores would be strong in the middle.

Sycamore defensive tackles are inexperienced but have a lot of athletic ability, according to Huntsman. Both made switches in the spring, Dave McKenney (Evansville Harrison) from his 1970 regular offensive guard spot and Bob Foster (South Bend Riley) from linebacker, where he lettered last year.

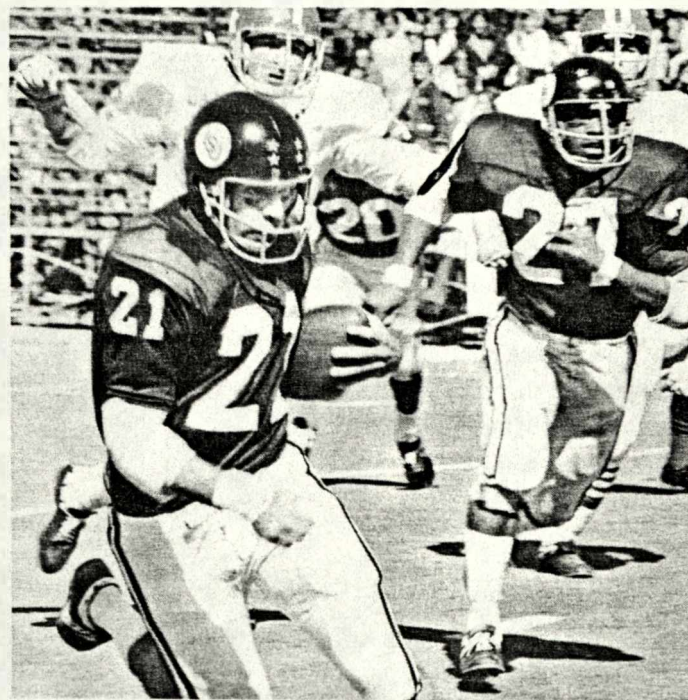
The vital defensive end positions are considered questionable by the ISU staff. Starters will be lettermen John Walter (Indianapolis North Central) and Bob Pattee (Lafayette East Tipp), both of whom started at times in 1970, with letterman Reggie Richard (a converted defensive back) and sophs Brian Hebert and Elvin Pinchney in reserve.

Specialists could also pose a problem for Huntsman. Shaughnessy will probably kickoff, with Cannon handling the place-kicking. Walk-on sophomore Bill Rich (Hobart) is also a possibility.

Damato is listed as the number one punter, with Steve Regal (Indianapolis Pike), Cougill and Shaughnessy also available.

ISU's kickoff return team should be led by Brown, who averaged 28.1 yards per return in that capacity (with one touchdown) last season, while Barro and Turner are experienced at returning punts. Another possibility is sophomore Rick Murphy (Lafayette Jefferson), a hurdler on the ISU track team, who averaged 38.6 yards (with one touchdown) in freshman kickoff returns in 1970.

The Sycamores will have one advantage in 1970, that being playing six of their 10 games at home. ISU opens at Western Illinois Saturday night, Sept. 11, and opens at home against Eastern Illinois at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.



Tailback Gary Brown:
1970 Indiana Collegiate Scoring Leader



EIGHT STORIES UP, Pierre Burke, Ed McKee and John Kern, one of the "voices of the Sycamores," admire the view from the new press box.



200-CLUBBERS will be whisked to their reserved seats on the 50-yard-line immediately beneath the press box by an elevator. Messrs. Fuson, Frantz, Farnsworth, and Mitchell step off the "lift" at the 200-Club seating level.

much easier. Parking areas have also been expanded.

The approaches immediately adjacent to the stadium and field have also been paved and more convenient ticket booth placement will make entrance to the stands an easy task. More than \$17,000.00 has been spent to provide markings and signs inside the stadium so that ticket holders can locate their proper seats.

Four concession stands and six rest rooms have been placed at evenly spaced intervals extending the entire length of the 13,500 seat main grandstand so that these facilities are easily reached from any vantage point.

Special seating has been provided for 200-Club members. There are 436 seats with backs located in a special area beneath the press box for club members. Entrance to this section is gained by either walking to the top of the stands, or by using the elevator which is located just behind the Memorial Arch. The elevator also takes 200-Club members to a club room located below grade in the center of the stands. The club room is for 200-Club members only, and is an area where club members can gather before and after the game and at half-time for refreshments and special briefings by members of the coaching staff.

The elevator also takes members of the news media to the ultra-modern press box. It is

equipped with five radio booths, five TV booths, a booth for the public address announcer, a booth for control of the scoreboard, two spotter booths, two photo booths, and a central bay with seating for 36 writers. The press box is heated with individual radiant heat controls in each booth, and is fan-assisted air cooled for games played on warm days.

The new stands, in combination with the temporary bleachers on the north side of the field, provide seating for 20,500 fans. The seats look down upon an Astro-Turf playing field lighted with a new system providing 50 candle-power illumination, more than adequate for night game playing conditions, and sufficient for black and white television coverage.

Also included in the new construction is a new locker room facility with complete dressing and training room complexes for both the Sycamores and visiting teams.



CLUBROOM FACILITIES for members of the 200-Club are provided beneath the stadium in a nicely appointed meeting area, which will be restricted to club membership and guests. Don Farnsworth, Bill Mitchell and Esten Fuson pause a moment after inspecting the clubrooms.

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ISU To Start Work Soon On New Stadium

Work on the construction of a new and permanent, 13,000-seat section at Indian State University's Stadium will start Wednesday, Nov. 12, according to Dr. Alan C. Rankin, ISU president. Bids for the construction project totalling \$1,771,960 were accepted Wednesday, Dr. Rankin said.

Indiana State's varsity football team will play its final home game of the season at the stadium Saturday, Nov. 8, against Central Michigan. The final high school game to be played on the AstroTurf with its present seating set-up will be the Terre Haute Gerstmeier-Terre Haute Wiley game at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The new 13,000-seat section also will include locker, press-box, concession, and restroom facilities. The new section will replace the existing 5,500-seat curved section on the south side of the AstroTurf field. The first phase of the work will be the demolition of the curved seating section and this will start on Nov. 12.

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The locker facilities in the new seating section are to be ready for use by August of 1970, and the entire project will be completed Sept. 1, 1970.

"We plan to preserve and refurbish the Memorial Arch to Memorial Stadium," President Rankin stated, "and as the Memorial Arch is now an integral part of the existing structure, the back part of the Arch will be refaced."

"The new section and the 7,500-seat semi-permanent bleacher section on the north side of the field will provide the University and the community with a 20,500-seat facility for football games and other outdoor activities requiring large seating facilities," President Rankin explained. "This also fulfills the requirement of a 20,000-seat stadium for universities in our newly-formed athletic conference."

The Memorial Stadium project was approved earlier by Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb, the State

Budget Committee and the State Budget Agency. The construction costs of the project will be financed through the sale of revenue bonds and stadium receipts.

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The planning of the new seating section was a joint architectural project of Sverdrup & Parcel and Associates, Inc., St. Louis, and Ewing Miller Associates, Inc., Terre Haute. Two representatives of the St. Louis firm, John I. Meyer and Larry Smith and Robert M. Miller of Ewing Miller Associates attended the public opening and reading of construction bids. Bids were read by ISU Vice President of Business Affairs J. Kenneth Moulton.

After bids were opened and publicly read, and ISU Board of Trustees' appointed committee of John M. House, Terre Haute; Herbert L. Lamb, North Terre Haute; President Rankin; and Vice President Moulton accepted the three lowest bids for construction work on the project.

The successful bidders for the Memorial Stadium construction work were Glenroy Constuction Company, Indianapolis, \$1,409,700 for general construction; Fred G. Christman, Terre Haute, \$241,258 for mechanical work; and AAA Electric of Terre Haute, Inc., \$121,002 for electrical work.

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The new 13,000-seat section is regarded as Phase II in Memorial Stadium renovation work.

The Stadium has been serving as a site of University varsity and freshman football games, University soccer games, and high school football games.

Memorial Stadium

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NEARING COMPLETION—This was the scene from the air early this month as workmen feverishly labored to prepare the stadium for its Sept. 19 opener between Indiana State and Western Kentucky. (Photo by Wanninger)

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Councilman McGlone said he found the developments "interesting." He said he considers ISU one of the most valuable assets to the city and his suggestion concerning the stadium was made in an effort to help the university.

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"A tremendous savings could be passed to the university if the city, in cooperation with the other governmental units, would lease the stadium to ISU for a period of years," McGlone told the mayor.

McGlone said a long term lease would permit the university to recover the cost it might have in remodeling and expanding the stadium.

If the Park Department retains the stadium, the cost of repairing the structure will fall on the tax rolls as an additional bond issue, McGlone said.

ISU Explores Ways To Take Over Stadium

By RON HARDMAN

Indiana State University officials confirmed Monday they are interested in converting Memorial Stadium into a football field providing a satisfactory agreement can be reached with city and county units now operating the 40-year-old structure.

Built as a memorial to World War I veterans, the once widely acclaimed stadium is now described as about to come apart at the seams. Park Department estimates place the cost of repairs at a minimum of \$150,000.

Mayor Ralph Tucker told a meeting of university, city and county officials it is impossible for the city to maintain the structure for no more use than it receives.

A special seven-man committee, headed by W. L. "Roy" White, Park Board president, was named to study the proposal at the conclusion of the one hour exploratory session held in the County Commissioners office at the Court House.

White said he hopes to call another meeting next week to begin work on details of a possible agreement with the college.

In addition to White, other members of the committee are J. Kenneth Moulton, vice president and treasurer of ISU; Sid Levin, Park Board member; Dr. Malcolm E. Boone, president of the City Council; Kermit Nees, county commissioner; Ray Thomas, city controller, and Everett S. Branam, president of the County Council.

The committee must produce answers to a number of questions before the proposed deal can become a reality. Heading the list will be such items as the future status of the stadium, the public golf course and the maintenance and storage of park department equipment. The park department current-

ly uses part of the structure for the storage of playground equipment and department vehicles when they are not in use. Donald High, park superintendent, estimates it would cost the city \$200,000 to build a new storage building.

The city council thus far has balked at appropriating necessary funds for repairing the stadium. Dr. Boone told the gather-

ing he believes the council favors turning over the stadium to the university in lieu of doing the work.

Dr. Allan C. Rankin, ISU president, explained the stadium might help the university solve an immediate need for a football field. He said the admin-

istration is very interested and will be glad to work with local officials for a satisfactory agreement.

The city now operates the stadium and the golf course as part of a long-term lease agreement with the county, which owns the land. The city would have to relinquish its rights to the property clearing the way for ISU to enter into a new agreement with the county.

White said he favors ISU taking over the stadium if it would preserve it as a memorial.

Both White and High have made numerous trips to surrounding cities to inspect similar repair jobs in an effort to estimate the cost.

"It was one of the first stadiums of its type to be built in the country," White said. "It still is a pretty good building if they keep it up."

It was recalled George Trautman, former president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, referred to the stadium in 1947 as the finest in class B baseball. He said it was superior to many in use in larger cities.

The last major renovation of the stadium came during the closing months of the administration of Vern McMillan, Republican, who was succeeded as mayor in 1948 by Ralph Tucker.

Roger Winters, park superintendent under McMillan, was in charge of the repair work. A new roof, improved seating, repainting of the building, and landscaping were items completed at that time.

Winter said there was and still is no city in the middle west that has a stadium to compare with Terre Haute. If for no other reason, he said, the stadium should be maintained as a memorial to the local men who died for their country in World War I.

Stadium Dedicated.

But while the game itself was bringing its feelings of elation and disappointment to the firm supporters of the rival elevens, there is yet another phase that will be remembered when all the feelings arising from sentiment are forgotten and that is the fact that it marked the dedication of Terre Haute's new memorial stadium. The game itself will soon be forgotten, except that it will go down on records as the only scoreless tie in the history of the event down to the present, but the stadium, so long as it stands, will serve as a reminder of the fact that it became a reality in the life of Terre Haute in the Wiley-Garfield battle of 1924.

For years a stadium such as this has been the dream of sport followers throughout the entire city and yesterday this dream became a reality as approximately 12,000 people swarmed through its gates to pay tribute to the new Memorial stadium as much as to see the two rival elevens in action.

Weather is ideal.

Memorials (TH)

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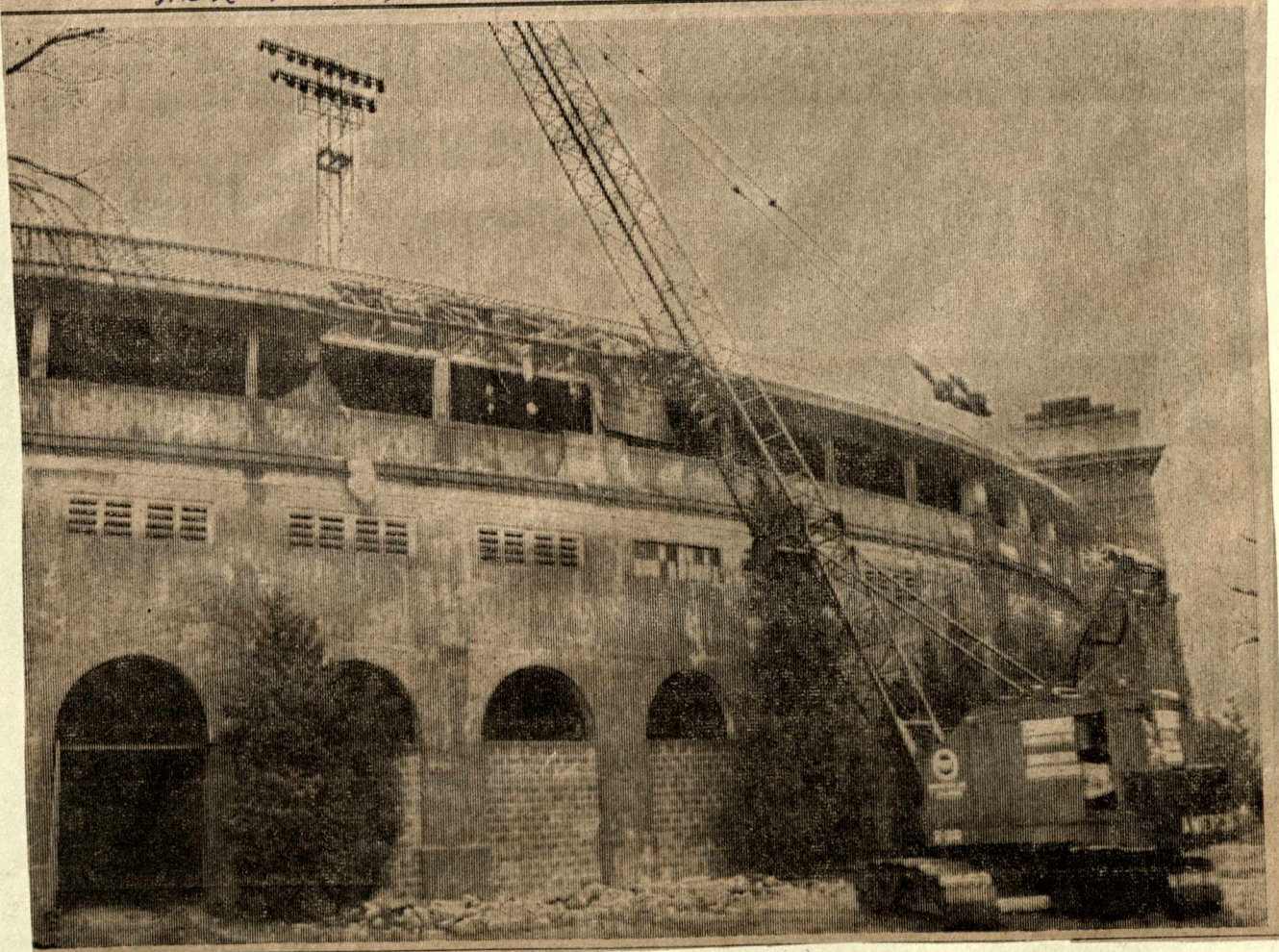
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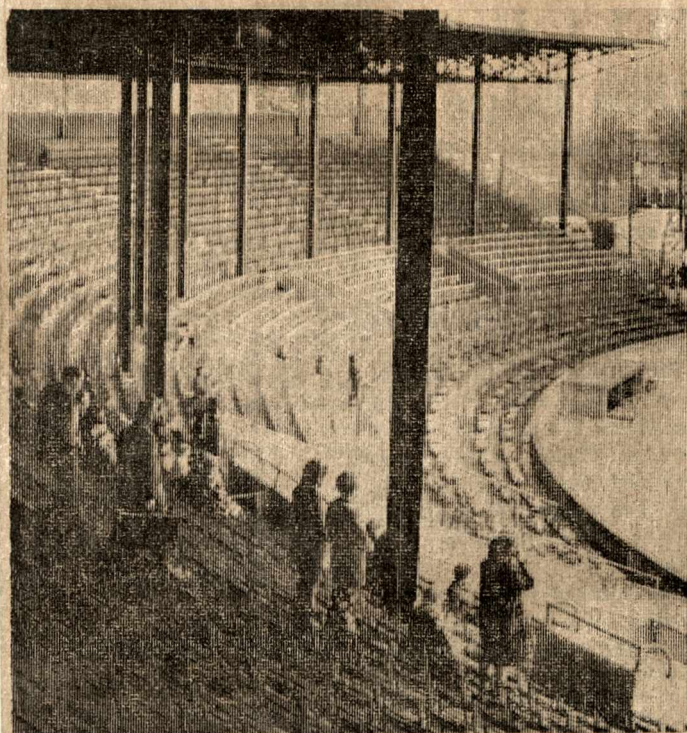
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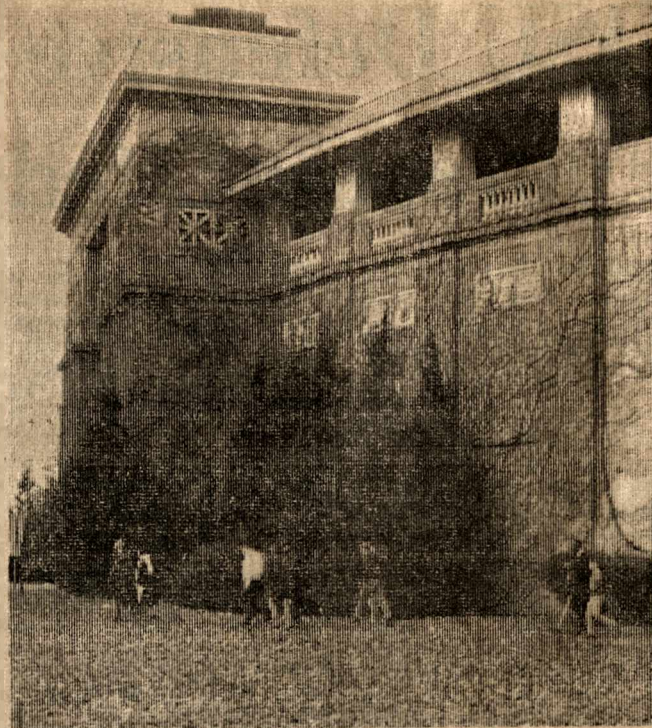
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WORK BEGINS—ERA PASSES—Demolition work began on the remaining 'old' part of Memorial Stadium Tuesday, paving the way for a 13,000-seat facility to be constructed before the start of the 1970 football season. Zebrowski and Associates Inc., of Indianapolis are responsible for the demolition



work, pictured in the photo at the left. The two pictures on the right were taken at the end of the 1969 season. History-minded sports fans might clip the series to show grandchildren "what once was" some cold day in 1984 or so. (Photos by Kadel and Wanninger)

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DEMOLITION WORK—The remaining "old" part of Memorial Stadium will be razed with 13,000 new seats to be erected. Zebrowski and Associates, Inc., of Indianapolis, started work on the stadium Tuesday.

Photo by Strausburg.



MEMORIAL STADIUM

Memorial Stadium on East Wabash Avenue is indeed a memorial to Vigo County's defenders who lost their lives in recent wars. It is that and more. It is the melting pot, the friendly meeting place of as many as 12,000 citizens of Terre Haute and vicinity.

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